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MYSTERY PLANES OVER EIRE

Unidentified aircraft were sighted over Duncarana and Lochswilly coastal forts shartly after moon yesterday, states the Eirean Department of Defence.

And-sircraft batteries opened fire and the aircraft flew to the north-tast.

Later in the afternoon a mul-- ti-engined military aircraft flew over Qublin -and the Eastern Counties area:

Anti-aircraft artillery south of the capital fired and an intercept tor patrol immediately took off but the intruder disappeared into thick clouds before she could be idenlified.—Reuter

U.S. AID TO BRITAIN

OVER 500 RADIO STATIONS WILL TRANSMIT. PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT'S BROADCAST IN AMERICA -AND A DOZEN SHORT WAVE TRANSMITTERS WILL CARRY THE TALK THROUGHOUT THE WESTERN HEMISPHERE AND INTO. THE FAR EAST IN MANY LAN-GUAGES.

Urging President Roosevelt give the country a strong lead for increased aid to Britain, the newspaper "Washington Post" yesterday said: "Britain should, fight not with her back to the wall but with her back to American factories."-Reuter.

INDIAN GUARD'S SUICIDE

An Indian guard (No. 430), L. Singh, who shot himself through the head yesterday morning died in the Kowloon Hospital at 4.30 He was on duty at the Kowloon

Bus Company's premises in Castle Peak Road when the incident oc-

He was only 25 years of age.

IN INDIA

avery branch wor the war effort semi-official Japanese report. elices held all over India during tions between Canton and Sun-Christinhs week, Reuter. kai.—Reuter Special.

One Of Most Intensive Attacks Ever Experienced

PETAIN SILENT ON NAZI THREATS TO FRANCE

Marshal Petain made a national broadcast yesterday. afternoon but threw no light on the present Franco-German negotiations, which have been the subject of a big crop of weekend rumours:

He confined himself to a moral appeal to. French youth and menfor self-sacrifice and the ream spirit Reu-

BORDER CLASHES

"LOCAL HOSTILITIES" BE-TWEEN THAILAND AND FRENCH TROOPS OCCURRED ON SATURDAY, ACCORDING TO A COMMUNIQUE ISSUED YESTERDAY BY THE THAI HIGH COMMAND IN BANG-KOK:

The French were routed and arms and ammunition captured. The communique adds that on Saturday evening French troops opened fire from Vientianne but were quickly silenced.—Reuter

SECTION OF C.H.R.

The Canton Hankow, Railway, which has been closed to the public since the Japanese occupation. of Canton will be partially opened by the Japanese military authorities on January 1, when a The need of Indian youths tak regular train service will be reing advantage to the timost of sumed between Canton and Sun-facilities for military training in kai, north of Canton, says a stressed by various conter- Trains will stop at seven sta- which left Oran on Christmas

ONLY SLIGHT GERMAN activity over Britain during last night is reported in an Air Ministry communique.

Bombs were dropped at a place in northwest England, where a small number of people were killed and others injured.

Bombs were also dropped at one Suffolk coast town and two Kent coast towns but though some houses were damaged no

London had one of the earliest: aferta last-right for some time and in the early stages the raid proved one of the most intensive yet experienced.

In all areas showers of incendiaries were followed by high explosives: - Renter.

LOSSES IN A WEEK

During the week ended midnight on December 28 the Germans, in raids over Britain, lost seven planes.

Two were lost on the night of Dec. 21/22, three on the night of Dec. 22/23, one during the day of Dec. 23 and one during the day of. Dec. 25.

During the same period no British fighters were lost.

Five British bombers were lost in the course of widespread heavy attacks over enemy and enemyoccupied territory.

One was lost on the night of Dec. 22/23, one on the night of Dec. 23/24, one on the night of Dec. 26/27 and one on the night of Dec. 27/28.—Reuter.

THAT A FRENCH INCLUDING HIGH PERSON-AGE, WAS SHOT DOWN BY SPANISH ANTI - AIRCRAFT FIRE NEAR GIBRALTAR ON CHRISTMAS DAY WHILE ON ITS WAY TO FRANCE FROM MOROCCO, WERE DENIED BY THE FRENCH RADIO FROM LYONS LAST NIGHT.

No French 'plane, stated the announcer, left Morocco for France on that day nor have the French authorities may information of a plane under repair Day with only civil technicians on board. Reuter.

LATEST GALLUP POLL

Ne less than 60 per cent of the population of the United States now realises that it is more important to aid Britain, even at the risk of entering the war, than to keep out at all costs, the latest Gallup survey shows

The "New York: Times" reports hat in resnonse to the question Do you believe the Germans intend to make slaves of the peopleof Europe and to control American trade and industry?" no less than 60 per cent answered "Yes."

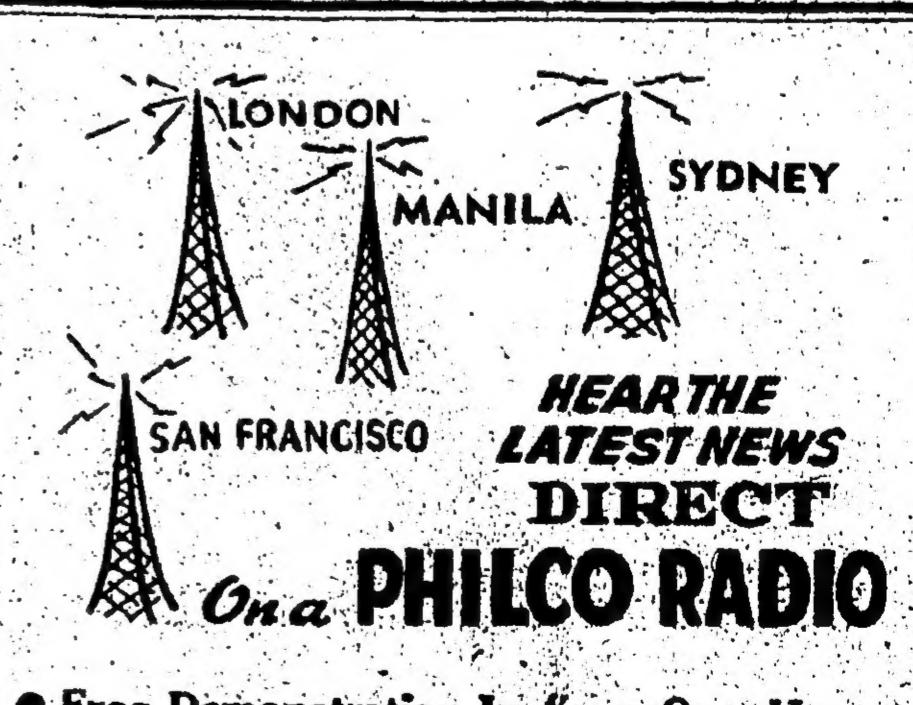
The second World War has africes and Germany will attack Whe United States as soon as it suits here said the "New York-Herald - Tribune" in a leading article yesterday.

Aid to Britain is a necessity which permits of no hesitation, tho paper concludes. — Reuter.

have found themselves pushed back into Albania by the Greeks.

Unconfirmed reports in the ent was the position from Belgrade newspaper Politikas" the rosy expectations of state that the Greeks have taken an important town between Podgradetz and Elbasan -

The Greeks, says the paper, out-Instead of an easy victory and; flanked the town after heavy fightan early one, the Italian troops ing in snow. - Reuter-



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BERWICK IN ACTION

Enemy Raider Attacking

Christmas. Day Brush Revealed

A POWERFUL ENEMY surface warship was shit amidships by a British shell in the North Atlantic on Christmas Day, while her supply ship was scuttled and sunk, announces the Admiralty.

On the morning of Christmas Day, the powerful enemy warship tried to attack a convoy in the North Atlantic, says the Admiralty communique:

One ship in the convoy was hit | ... and received slight damage:

The enemy withdraw'at high: speed as soon as she realised the convoy was escorted.

Our escort gave chase and was able to engage the enemy at long: range: Visibility had been variable and dropped rapidly to half acting as a supply ship. I Reuter.

One shell burst amidships but t is not possible to state the extent of any further damage.

H.M.S. Berwick received, slight, damage and there were five casualties, whose next of kin had heen informed.

Berwick is remaining at sea : as an effective unit of the Navy. During the pursuit in poor visibility, the German s.s. Baden, 8,000 tons, was intercepted. She immediately set herself on fire and had to be sunk by shell-fire.

is considered probable she was ** Berwick, a 10,000-ton cruiser of the Kent class, was completed

in 1927 and was formerly on the China station. She saw action with the Mediterranean Fleet in November when 'our' ships chased the Italians.

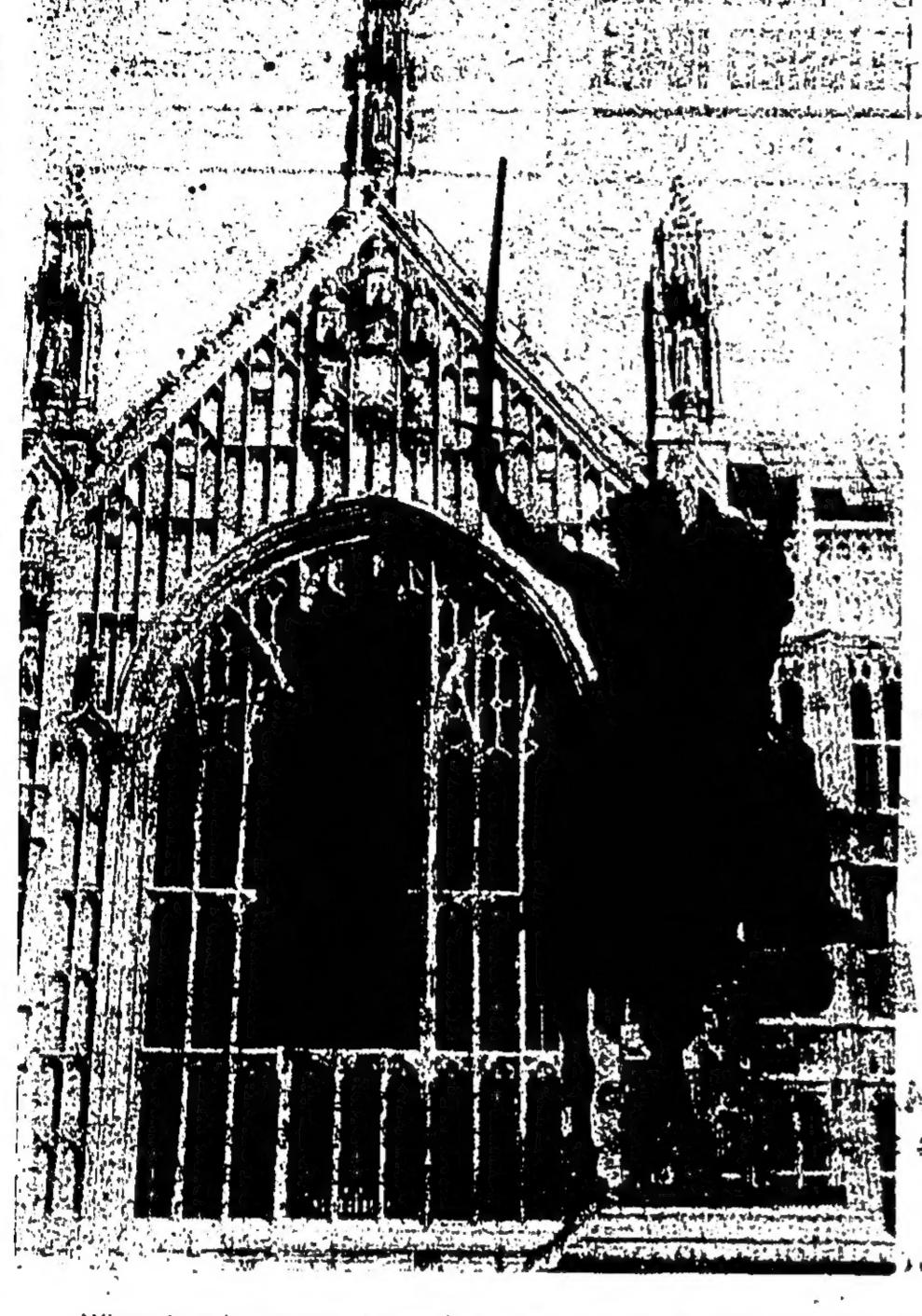
FREELIFT DRIVERS-RUNRISK

A motorist who gives a free lift to anyone runs the risk of being sued it, by negligence, he involves the passenger in an accident, while a motorist who asks "reward" for a lift, even into a "Spitfire" box may invalidate his insurance policy.

In stating this, the Law Journal * concludes that the Minister of Transport's proposal of a notice that passengers would be given' lifts at their own risk goes back to a rule that Has been denounced? by the House of Lords, and is "a . bold suggestion to make."..

The Journal considers that if a 1. driver says "I will take you to London for two shillings, he becomes the driver of a hackney carriage, and requires a hackney carriage licence. Moreover, this the insurance policy may be invalidat-

Drivers who hang about railway stations - to - "earh - ant - houest > penny" by bringing pedestrians home play a game at least as dangerous as it is generous, hand. the driver who says, "Here is a box for the Splittire fund: William you put something into it?" runs. into danger.



When bombs were dropped during a recent raid on London a large crater was caused in Westminster. The House of Lords windows were damaged, Photo-shows-broken windows at . the House of Lords and the statue of Richard Coeur de Llon

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Earlier in the air war it was not an uncommon practice for a pilot who had sent a German aircraft spinning or diving out of control to follow it down, and witness its finish as it crashed on land or plunged into the sea.

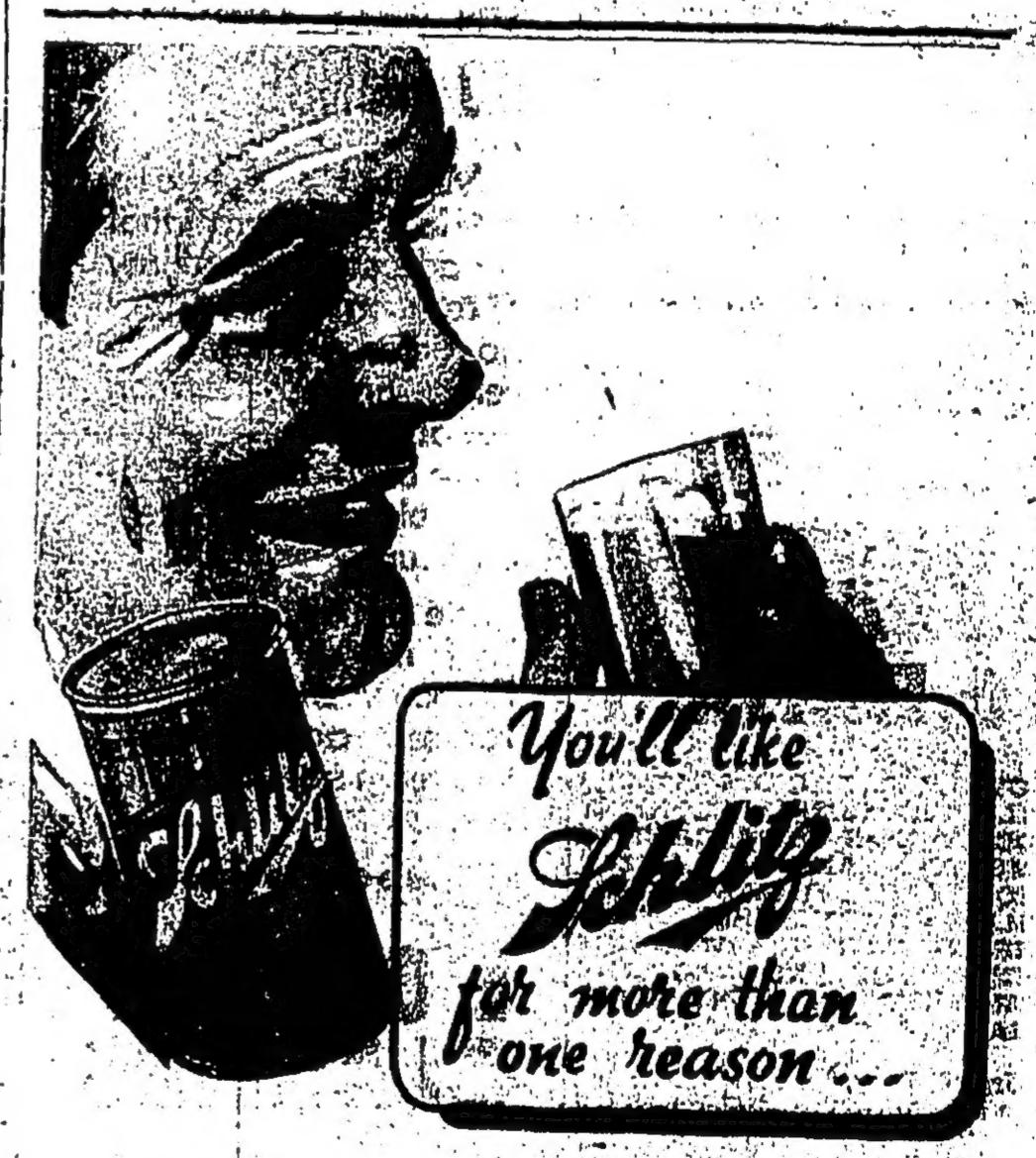
When he returned to his base, the pilot could chalk up another "certainty." But scrietimes enemy fighters, wheeling overhead while he fought his duel, swooped after him as he followed his falling adersity. The trick was practiced with success by!! Germany's "Red Knight," Richtofen, in the last

To-day, with scores, and even hundreds, of fighter "nircraft es=" corting German bombers, whole squadrons can be spared to sit up aloft, above the main battle, waiting to swoop on any British fighter whose engagement takes him astray from his fellows, and particularly on one who follows downa beaten foe:

A flight-commander whose team, after some weeks of continual fighting in the south-east of Engli land, went to Scotland, gave this advice to a young Scots pilot who was proceeding south!

li your 'Jerry' goes down in smoke, let him go and call it a probable." Maintain altitude. and stay with your squadron. You'll be safer; and you'll find more good work to do-up on the celling. It may rob the squadron of a "certainty" by hot following your man down; but it will certainly rob the Boche of one-your-

The published British returns For enemy losses "take ho recount. of "probables."

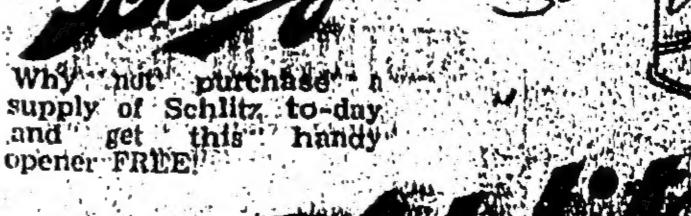


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Western Desert Air Encounter

TWO ITALIAN AIRCRAFT were brought down and five others damaged during an encounter between R.A.F. fighters and a large formation of enemy bombers escorted by fighters.

Announcing this, R.A.F. headquarters in the Middle East yesterday also said that during an R.A.F. raid on Tobruk on the night of December 26 fires were started but the full extent of damage could not be observed.

The enemy bombed Sollum but only slight damage was caused The successful bombing of Valona, on the foreshore of southern

Albania; is also reported. One heavy bomb was seen to explode 50 yards from a large chip but the effect of the other bombs could not be observed owing to extremely bad wea-

All British sircraft returned safe y to base.-Reuter.

BOMBED DURING LAWSUIT

A house in a London area was practically destroyed by bombs since the hearing of an action regarding the lease, it was stated at Westminster County Court

Judge Austin Jones gave judgment for the landierd, Sir Honald Wernon Gunter, of Wetherby Grange. Yorkshire, for, \$289 and costs, rent due, against Mrs, Alice Maud Haldane, who had guaranteed the gent under, an assignment of the lease; and for £89, £10 a month and Miss Lindsleyand costs for Mrs. Haldane against. Sims £5 a month. Miss Lindsley-Sims who tool; over the lease,

Mrs. Haldane, a bookseller offered 10s. a month. She said her business premises had been bumbed three times. The second time she lost £300 worth of stock, Her car was also bombed.

ployed. The house was now un- Reuter.

MINE TRAGEDY IN INDIA

Four, including Mr. E. G. Barker, assistant Kastur manager of colliery, were asphyxiated while inspecting the mine, says a message from Jharia (India).

The men were overcome by a leakage of gas before help could reach them.—Reuter.

inhabitable. She offered £2 month.

The Judge said the sums to be, paid must be settled between the parties. In the meantime would order Mrs. Haldane to pay

ANTI-FASCIST WRALLIES IN INDIA

Leading anti-Fascists in the Indian world of Labour are holding Labour rallies all over the livered within 43 hours, and the Miss Lindsley-Sims, an artist, country to mobilise Labour supsaid her income before the war port for the war effort. Various ed. was £550. She was now unem- industrial leaders are joining. -

MR. WINSTON GHILHGHILL the Prespien signs an autopraph for a little admirer, we lat awaiting a train to Lepton. Accompanied by Mrs. Churchill and Camprail Sikersky, the Holish Reime Minister, he hall hopen inapprating more of British Accompany with a company of the little of

HUGE GAS FACTORIES GERMANY

Hitler is using the timebomb, a weapon with which he hopes to terrorise our civilian population, writes a correspondent of the "Evening" Standard." How long will he hold in reserve the gas bomb, which he has long prepared to assist in that purpose?

Many of the chemical factories which have been bombed so persistently by the R.A.F. are used for the production, among other weapons, of gas bembs.

The types of gas used by the Germans in the last war were chlorine, phosgene or diphosgene. known as Green Cross, and dichlorethylsulphide, known as mustard gas or Yellow Cross. These have been surpassed as a superpoison by diphenylarsinchloride and several other prussic acid, cyanide and hydrocyanide compounds affecting the breathing organs and eyes and generally known as Blue Cross. The most effective gas of this group has been mass produced at the Grehrke drug factories at Dresden.

Another gas, more cheaply produced than these types, is known as Red Cross, It was discovered by Dr. Hugo Stolzenberg, who reccived a grant to enlarge his works at Hamburg in readiness for mass production, Stolzenberg, in advocating this gas, argued that once the plant was established the methods of production were so simple that all the quantities required could be produced and derisks of storage would be eliminat-

Other gases produced were "W" gas, at the Badische factory of the I.G. Dye Stuff Syndicate, and Gicen Gas at Oppau.

Nazis Lack Sulphur

Germany has always had ample supplies of all the raw materials; for chemical warfare, with the exception of suppour and sulphuric acid. The chemists engaged in research for the production of synthet.c petrol from coal at the Leuna, works of the I. G. Dye Trust made the discovery that sulphides and sulphuric acid could be obtained from gypsum by a simple heating process. With piants exected at Leuna, Bitterreld, near Essen, Gelsenkirchen, Duisburg-Harrborn, Oberhausen and Dorrmund, Germany now has vast resources for the production of sulphides and sulphuric acid.

The quantities of poison gas that can be produced in the Stolzenberg factories at Hamburg and in the vast plants of the I.G. at Leuna and Oppau would alone. suffice to supply all the needs of Hitler's war machine,

The Germans claimed that the "W" gas would penetrate every gas-mask. They also claimed that the Green gas was just as deadly. But there is no weapon which cannot be countered. The question always is whether is can be counterea in time.

WANTS SACK OF FLOUR IN HOMES

Mr. de la Bere (Con., Evesham) is to ask the Parliamentary Secretury to the Ministry of Food: "Whether, in view of the dangers of air bombardment, he will now consider repairing and put-ting into working order the disused mills throughout the country and bringing them back into

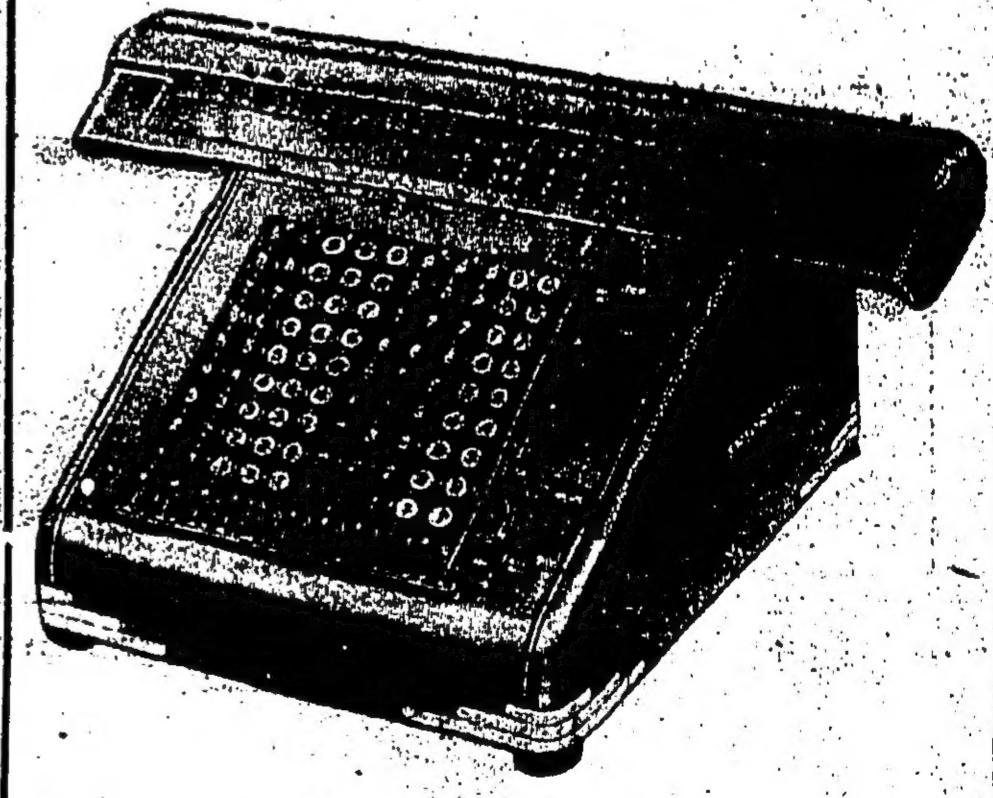
"And whether, with a view to improving the country's larder, he will cheourage householders throughout the country to hold a 1401b, bag of flour with a view to its utilisation for home baking in the event of an emergency and as a war precaution."



A 25 year old pilot officer, only, two yeaks on active serwices has appythed one of the war's most remarkable stories. After shooting down a Messerschmidt 109 in the Channel he began to attack eight more. He sorted out one, gave it an eight: recond burst and it fell sway from the others. He jockeyed into position, pressed the button again-but nothing happened for he had used up all his ammunition. The pilot drew alongside the Messerschmidt and twiced signalled the enemy pilot with a jork of his thumb to get down but without response. Ho let the enemy machine draw ahead until its fall was abreast of the Hurricane's earboard wing. Then he waggled the Hur-Figure's wings and slapped the Nazi's tall clean off. He fellinto the sea. More than a foot of the Hurricane's wing had been ripped off but the pilot dedged attacks by two Memorsch-midts and pancaked to safety. Photo shows an afferational examining the Hurricane's "clipped wing." (Copyright Fox)

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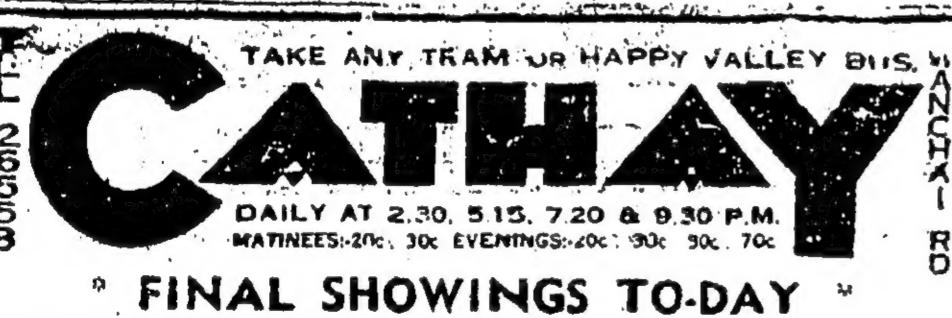
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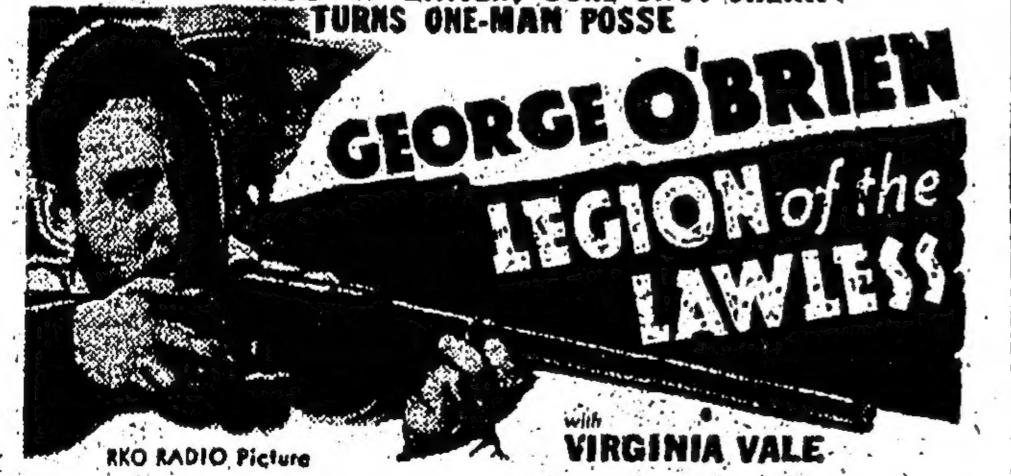


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STOOD OVER the ruins of Sir Stafford Cripps's chambers in the Middle Temple, writes a London correspondent. Here before he became Ambassador to Russia he had sat preparing the law cases which gave him his reputation.

At my foot was a damp, dust-covered copy of 'Laws of England." There was a smell of escaping gas, and brick dust was still in the air. A monument of England which a German bomb had wrecked.

This is no job for demolition

parties. Here the craftsmen who

have just completed the 'mo-

Westminster, will be at. work

for months sorting out debris:

suchlike pieces have been recover-

ed from the wreckage; the debris

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find might be worth pounds.

the beginning of the war.

Elizabeth, are safe.

It will be like riddling for gold

Famous names lay dust-cover- formance of "Twelfth Night," ed in the runs. -The. Earl of Bickenhead, Str Robert Aske, Sir Thomas Bethell, and Sir John Pratt (of the Foreign Office), and Mr. Justice Hallett, All their chambers had been rained.

But their clerks still clamoured round the surveyor's office looking for rescued papers-papers cases which might btherwise held up for inouths.

the Middle Temple Hall, where ple. Queen Elizabeth saw the first per-

70 BOMBS TOWN

A force of 100 bombers which attempted a surprise raid on a town near the mouth of the Thames. accomplished little bevond the destruction of a number of small dwellinghouses and a working men's club. Only a few people are reported to have been killed.

A barrage of anti-aircraft fire gave the first warning of the laiders' approach. As people ran for shelter about 70 heavy bombs fell. Between 30 and 40 dropped right across the heart of the town. At the outset the raiding force

had consisted of at least 100 bembers and fighters, but a small rumber of Hurricones intercepted them so effectively that the force was split into two. One formation turned tail, with the Hurricanes chasing it out to sea.

The other portion made a wide c'rcle before approaching town.

With the sun behind them they started a gradual dive towards their objective, which was apparently some of the docks. Long before that objective was reached, the A.A. barrage caught the raiders, which began to drop their bombs haphazardly.

Shelter Intact

Four of the enemy 'planes used a new technique, diving below the barrage to attack. At the end of the dive, they dropped their bombs and then sprayed buildings with machine-gun bullets. One bomb hit a shed, but the rest fell on waste land causing neither damage nor casualty.

Anderson shelters justified themselves completely. One had emained intact, although within two feet of it was the edge of a great crater. The people inside the shelter were suffering from

shock, but were otherwise unhur:. A few yards away, however, one of the little shelters had received a direct hit, and two girls were killed. A man who had declined to take cover and then at the last moment had changed his" mind was killed as he was coming down the stairs, for the

HEAD-ON

A Junkers 88 pilot became so desperate after a Bienheim fighter had chased him for over 50 miles that he attempted to ram his pursucr head-on. Suddenly turning at the end of the chase, he drove his Junkers straight at the Blenheim. He nearly succeeded, the hember passing only ten, yards underneath the fighter.

The Blenheim pilot had previously opened fire and damaged the bomber.

When last seen the bomber was flying slowly, with oil pouring

BY DINGHY TO SAFETY

The crew of a Royal Air Force bomber recently had a narrow escape from drowning after making a successful attack on Berlin. The Captain, a Canadian, who was recently awarded the D.F.C. said:

"We found ourselves in difficulties when we were off the Frisian Islands. It became obvious that we should have to come down on dern panelling of Church House, the sea.

"We lightened the aircraft as From it they will collect the much as possible by jettisoning remains of the famous old carved all surplus weight and nursing the or out screen, presented by Flemish engine. We hoped to find a conbe refugees from the Inquisition in voy and came down somewhere gratitude for the hospitality of near to it, but no ship was sight, The saddest damage was to the benchers of the Middle Tent- ed. In the meantime, we were gerting nearer to England. Soon Carved by modern hands, it we saw the coast and our hopes would cost thousands of pounds, ran a little chigher, but unfor-With such a history it is priceless, tunately both engines spluttered When the churubs' wings and and then stopped:

> "I pancaked on to the water, and will be put through a buff-neh landed a duarter of a mile from the coast. The navigator, and the rest of the crew hed launched the dinghy by the time I had managed to scramble out of the cockpit.

in the Klondyko. The 'mallest ! . "It was just as well the navigator had left his position because Fortunately the stained glass when we hit thowater, which was windows had been removed at rather like hitting concrete, the first decks were smashed and water The double-hammer beamed oak flust flushed into the aircraft. It roof—with the exception of one did a kind of submarine dive and part—the 28ft,-long benchers then came up again; we were able made from a tree from soon aboard our dingby and Windsor Park, and the famous reached shore in about 45 minutes. table made from the timber of We paddled the dinghy, propelled the Golden Hind, Drake's ship, it shorewards with our hands and presented to the Inn by Queen swam behind it to push along, and finally we reached safety."



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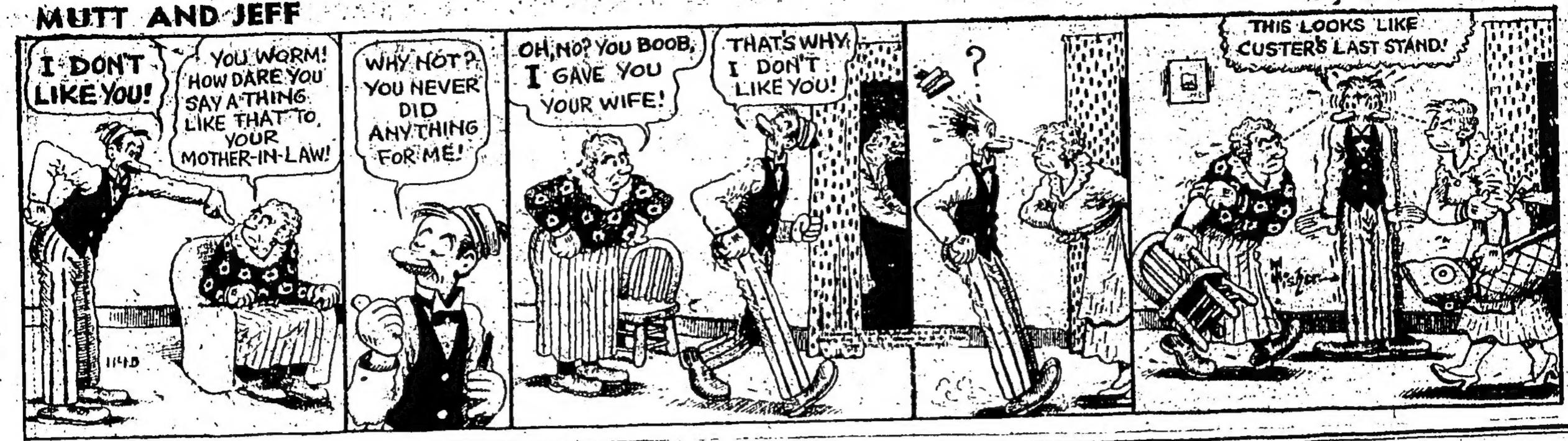
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SABOTAGE FOUND

Czechs working to sabotage German food and petrol rationing systems in the Protectorate are reported to have been discovered.

Czech newspapers refer to a big organisation sabotaging food rationing in Bohemia and Moravia.

It is stated that Mr. John Spacil, mayor of the important Bohemian industrial town of Caslav, has been arrested together with two administrative functionaries who are accused of - sabotage against the institution of ration cards.

Faked Cards

Faked petrol ration cards aimed at unsetting the distribution system are reported to have been found by the Gestapo in a country printing office.

These books were distributed widespread organisation, free of , charge; emongst trust worthy Czech patriots.

It is understood that the damage and disorganisation caused it

AIRMAN PRINCE "SCOUNDREL"

PRINCE VON STARHEMBERG, former Vice-Chancellor of Austria, now a lieutenant in the Free French Air Force, was called "a scoundrel" in the House of Commons by Mr. Wedgwood (Soc., Newcastle-under-Lyme).

Captain Balfour, Under-Secretary for Air, said that Prince von Starhemberg received £1 11s. 4d. a day — the pay and allowances appropriate to his rank. All expenditure on the Free French Air Force is met in the first instance from funds advanced from the Government.

indecent that this man who assassinated democracy in Austria should now be allowed to fight onour side, and should be paid by us, in the war for democracy, and against all that Prince von Starhemberg has stood for?

Captain Ballour: I reject that suggestion. whole heartedly. To any one who is willing to risk his

. Mr. Wedgwood: Is it, not rather | life in the air and fight in our cause, we own a debt of gratitude,

Cries Of Order

Mr. Woodburn (Soc., Clackmannan): Is there any suggestion that we are going to impose him on Austria at the end of the war?

Mr. Silverman (Soc., Nelson and Colne): Does the Under-Secretary suggest that Prince von Starhemberg is more worthy to fight for democracy than many of our internees in this country?

Captain Balfour: That is a different question from the one on the paper. It this man is willing to fight in our cause and risk his life, he deserves our gratitude.

Mr. Wedgwood, speaking with some warmth, asked, "Why will you not allow other allens from Austria to fight?"

Above loud cries of "Order," Mr. Wedgivood continued: "You keep them in prison, but allow a scoundrel like that to fight for democracy. I want an answer from the Government."

No reply was given. ***Prince von Starhemberg was one of the early disciples of Hitler, and took part in the abortive beer-cellar putsch of Munich, Soon afterwards he and Hitler became estranged, and the prince formed his own Fascist-like Heimwehr Fin Austria. He fled from Austria before Hitler marched in, and announced that he had consecrated his life to wiping out Hitlerism and restoring the freedom of Austria.

SPITFIRE FUND

More and more property owners are giving to the mational cause the sums awarded them as, compensation for damage due to forced hadings by R.A.F. aircraft.

In the Isle of Wight a bomber came down in the grounds of a Preparatory School near Ryde, damaging the turi near the cricket

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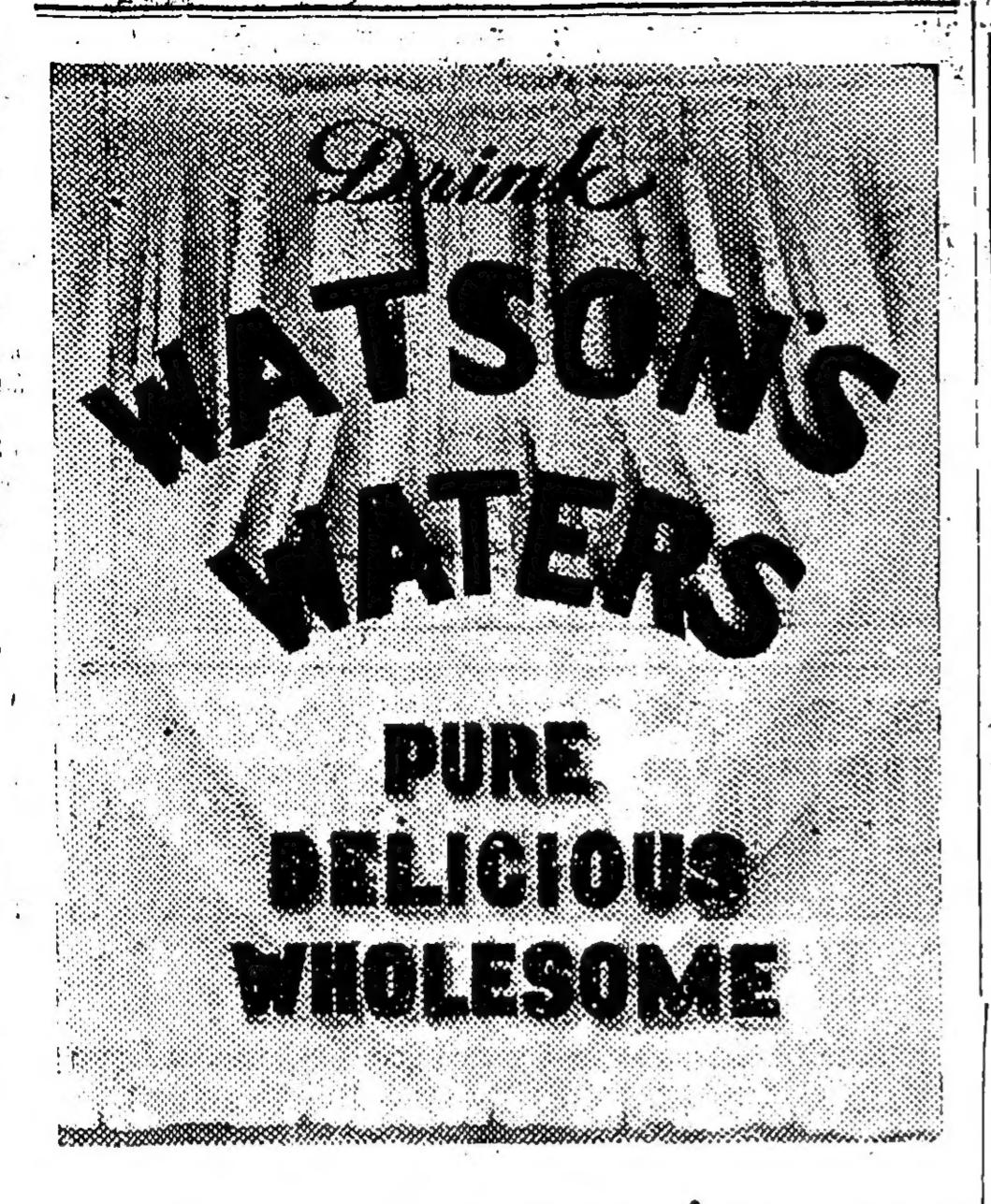
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M.P.'S AMAZING OUTBURST COMMONS

MR. H. G. WELLS WAS DENOUNCED AS AN AGNOSTIC REPUBLICAN AND THEREFORE A BAD REPRESENTATIVE TO SEND TO THE UNIT-ED STATES WHEN LORD WINTERTON (CON., HORSHAM) ASKED IN PARLIAMENT WHY HE GOT AN EXIT PERMIT TO LECTURE THERE.

"For years Mr. Wells has been saying to the British public: 'You will always be fools and I will never be a gentleman,' and the people goodhumouredly acquiesced.

"It does not matter what he says for home consumption; what concerns me is granting such a man an exit permit in the certain knowledge that he will use all his publicity power to denigrate [blacken] his country abroad and, of all places, in the United States, wher in this hour of our greatest peril, we enjoy more sympathy for our unity and moral strength than ever before in our history.

attitude towards: what is after all. least in the United States.

"Avowed opponents of Christianity get short shrift from the hands of electors in the United States, Yet we allow to go there; as representing Britain and British literature, a man who prides: himself on being the opponent of cried. all religion, who says there is it no such thing, and that it is men dieval superstition."

Lord Winterton repeated the "sins" of H. G. Wells as reported! in his lectures in the United

"Wells has a peculiar and bitter | States his sneers at Labour noliticians and me description of Lord Halifax, the Foreign Secrethe accepted faith of millions of tary, as "the quintessence of people in the world, and not the everything that an Englishman should not be."

> But; what really hurt him was Wells's description of Lord: Gort should he attack a man with such a brilliant record of gallantry and leadership as Lord Gort?"-

"Eard Gartis orimor in Wolls's eyes is that he dares confess agnostics and not republicans. himself-to-be a Christian that he belongs to a creed which Mr. Wellerin-His-deblining-years, a attacks with such vituperation. "Lord Gort is an easy target because Wells knows that he callnot answer as a serving soldier. I can imagine an eighteenthcentury atheist saying: 'Sir, these are indecent words, nay, they are worse; they are blackguardly,"

French Sneers

mental powers. He hoped that British Government might be the reasons

writers, who, before the collapse for themselves. of France, sneered at Choistian generals and at republicans

Mr. Welle, like these French men, professed His hatred of Hitioriom. But, If a Myzier had an enemy in the watter whom? he need not worky about if WAS H. Wolfe, water Lord Winterton beside Wells was Helping Hitter

Opinion in Parliament was "The more eminent the person. pur Party Buttu to has Lord garded as an invisible export. Winterton. Is that any reason That ended the debate.

why we should cancel his permit? We are fighting, for liberty of expression. There is no halfway house. No M.P. has the right to preclude the expression of opinion of Mr. Wells or any one

"Praying General"

Mr. Magnay (Liberal-National, Gateshead) interjected that Wells had no right to sneer at Gort, us a "praying general."

Mr. Shinwell: "But he is a praying general, just as you are a praying politician. We don't think the less of him for being so described."

Turning to Mr. Peake, the Home Office Under-Secretary responsible for the grant of exterpermitte Mr. Shinwell asid: "You have a choice. Either you can leave Wells over there along with Gracie Fields and-who is It-I' Mr. Shinwell Hesitated-"Mark Antony?"

Some one said; "You mean Monty Banks

Mrs. Shimwell corrected himsoft senid great is ughtorps and audeut: "And Note: Coward and I believe there is an honourable. member of this House who finds: Hollywood more salubrious than this House."

An M.P.: "You mean Hawaii." "Either yourcan leave him there fulminating against praying generals-and incompetent politiciansas "our praying general" ... Why -- there are incompetent politicians even in London or you can bring him home-" (Mr. Peake shook his head)-"or put him in. concentration cample That would please those who are not

"A War On"

"No, it won't wash," exclaimed Mr. Shinwell after this piece of thetoric. "Let H. G. Wells, talk and talks. Let the Noel Cowards roquette, and the Gracie. Fleids show their graces. Let them play about as they care. We have a war on in this country, and we have to win it."

Mr. Peake said it would be fatal if the idea got about in the United It made one doubt, said Lord States that we would give peru Wintertung whether Mr. Wells it mits only to those whose views still in the full plenitude of his were favourable to the present

It-must be left to the good sense more sinister explanation of the American public to assess was his resemblance to French the value of Mr. Wells's views

> ithtie important for this count try there an instruct dollars ... British subjects. Mrs. Ponker added "They may earn those dollars primatily for wellen and was the the Transury sees the special design of the second section of the les dispusate in executings and for

divided, and Mr. Wells. found a age the greater the number of champion in Mr. Shimwell (Boo., Hollers which will swentarily be Beaham) who sales have Wells at the disposal of the Treasury. has frequently attacked the Lobe. Mr. Walls may therefore be re-

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Nothing could demons Comerning closer than mere or amongly looked upon as the ever, but practical problems of means and measures of two natrate more clearly the justice of the cause for which Britain is at war than the of Anglo-American relations. temper of the National Both in London and Washing-Conference of Labour Women at Southport. Of 300 implications of the need for codelegates from Labour or of Great Britain and the United ganisations all over the States. As a result, there is a country only three dis- the underlying unity of interests sented from a resolution and mutual security of the two to the effect that the war find expression in more permanmust be prosecuted to a ent and far-reaching form of cosuccessful conclusion: Nobody can suspect these union. women of Imperialist pride or greed or doubt most significant undercurrents that they know from intimate experience the terrible cost of war in life. health, and happiness. Their support of British resistance to Hitler lends all the greater strength to their demand for vigilance and courage in domestic policy. During the last war evils were bred which ravaged one country. Pawn In Asian Strategy try after another in the last months of 1918, spreading-death more rapidly than war itself. The moral of that experience is that social services are more necessary than ever in war, and the conference emphasised that truth. The president had an excellent sentence on the future: "An uneducated and underfed people could not build a better world." The whole weight of this of Siamese minorities in the disbody of knowledge, experience, and sympathy will be put behind the demand for a bold policy on education and nutrition. In our ill-arranged society the children are, as Sir William Beveridge has said, the chief single cause of poverty, and of these children thousands through life disabled health and vitality by its burdens. If the gross inequalities of which the president spoke are to be removed that vicious cirele must be broken.

THE BASER SIDE OF THINGS

It will be noticed that even those who nowadays make such free use of the term "ideology" never apply it in a good sense. You never hear anyone talk concerned with the absoabout the ideology of lov- lute value of pure ideas ing-kindness or common now means something sense or right and justice. which is poisonous or con-tions with Thailand dates back to ence have been able to get rather au good thing if along very comfortably such a remarkable examwithout any ideologies in ple of debased verbal curthe jargon sense of to-day, rency could be dropped Lagruer of Nations condemned the to support them; it is only altogether. Unfortunately the smash-and-grab raid it is one of those words and the system of oppres which exercise a fatal fassion which call for that cination over victims of Thelland, the Japanese have power.

nerticular verbal buttress; the jargon complex They, utilised the new trend of thought Should that situation arise Bright day, flowing strongly—more particular verbal buttress; the jargon complex. They, And so we reach the curi- at any rate, become only vain and intensely patriotic peo. Thailand, will be endangered, for tory—in that direction and this ous conclusion that a too easily "wrapped up" term which was originally in ideologies.

AIRCIO American

thing closely approaching union - closer and more active cooperahas now appeared on the horizon tion between the American and

given for the first time to deeper ever-expanding ambitions of ordinating National defence plans stendily growing conviction that English-speaking peoples must from some measure, at least, of

This is the climax that has lately been reached by one of the stirred by war. Relations between America and Great Britain have unquestionably been hurled forward and upward by the course of recent world events.

Effect Of Election

Outcome of the American Presidential election appears likely to favour and further this trend. In Britain Mr. Roosevert is rightly

British, peoples.

- In any case there is no doubt ton, serious consideration is being Nazilsm and Faselsm with their

By Mallory Browne

beginning of the war whipped up America realised that, her own the normally sluggish stream of security depended on aiding Brirushing torrent. As Mr. J. L. | their interdependence in the matrecently, history will probably re- the formation of the Americancord the ironical fact that Adolf | Canadian Joint Defence Board Hitler's greatest achievement was and thence to agreement whereby to unite Britain and America.

Actually, of course, Herr Hitler and war have not achieved this end. They have only unwillingly and unwittingly helped precipitate Royal Navy. a trend that has long been inherent in the basic unity of origin and historic innovations as they and ideals of two countries.

oggasional cooperation—some- greatest possible exponent of ever defence—a very realistic and immediate mutual danger and need of meeting it—that has given the recent fresh impulse to the pre- detail at this stage. Production of sent tendency toward far-reaching planes, design and manufacture of Anglo-American cooperation.

England's Realisation

England realised with a rude jolt last summer that collapse of France meant Britain would be left alone against a whole con-military, naval, air staffs that cantinent under totalitarian terror; and that this meant victory would be possible only with the full assistance of the United States operation hardly distinguishable world domination have since the Simultaneously, or nearly so, Anglo-American relations into a tain. This mutual awakening ... to Garvin of "The Observer," wrote ters of security and defence led to the United States obtained muchneeded naval bases on British territory in the return for 50 overage destroyers equally needed by the ber and calibre of British people.

These two pacts, however, vital

tions that goes far beyond what is or can be publicly known in lanks, artillery, munitions, etc., are being standardised in both countries to a startling extent. This implies a degree of unity between the two Governments...and not fail to have far-reaching, profound effects in diplomatic political fields. The same applies to economic financial matters under present total war conditions.

Peace Also Considered

Nevertheless, it is at least as: much for peace and reconstruction as for war, that, Britain is looking. toward America. We have been repeatedly impressed by the numwho to-day envision postwar reconstruction as essentially a joint; were, are but main outward signs Anglo-American task. Cabinet It is not abstract; idealism, how- of a co-ordination of defence Ministers, labour leaders, military; and naval chiefs have expressed privately-and more cautiously in public statements as well-their deep conviction that only if Britain and the United States get together, not merely intermittently, upon occasion, but lastingly upon. a far-seeing basis, is there gany real hope of avoiding repetition of tragic errors of the past 20 years. Japan in the Far East, as well as Germany in Europe, constitute problems which can only be solved permanently on the basis of dustice for all if Britain and America are able to unite in preserving peace as well as aiding administration of justice.

> It is to the late Lord Lothian that; much, of the credit for progress in Anglo-American understanding must go, and this is being increasingly acknowledged in London His success in replacing previous distrusts and coldness by confidence and good will has wondrecognition on both sides of the Atlantic as an outstanding diplomatic achievement of democracyfitting reply to "force-diplomacy" of totalitarian dictatorships.

(By A Special Correspondent)

When the Government at Bang-1 to the promotion of internal re-1 those in Siam by fast steamer serkok in 1939 discarded the name forms and the modernisation of vices. Experienced Japanese publi-Siam for the more ancient and her agriculture, industry, and in- cists have been sent to Thailand honourable title of Muang Thai- I stitutions. Land of the Free-it convinced to one, except perhaps the Signese themselves, that Thailand had not won and still retained. her independence by the grace of her more powerful neighbours.

ominously resembles that of some European States. Her, claims , to Labip. territory outside her; present borders are based, like those of Germany, on ancient boundaries won by conquest and on the presence puled areas. Her ambition is to embrace Cambodia, Tonkin, the Shon States of Burma, and even the provinces of Yunnan and visers. Japan now occupies the Sztchwan in China, and she claims that within these areas are Siamese-speaking minorities totalling 14,000,000--or more than Thailand's present population.

These ambitions have been encouraged by Japan, who, under the cleak of aiding Thailand'sanational aspirations, has, steadily or to insist that for 50 years Thaidirected Sirmese policy; for her land's industrial and financial own advantage. It was Japanese influence which caused Thailand to embarrass the Chinese Government at a critical stage of the Sino-Japanese war, and the same lifereign policy. influence is responsible for Thailand's présent pressure on French Indo-China.

In very similar circumstances, Germany encouraged Poland in her demands on Czecho-Slovakia, and aided Slovakia against the Czcchs, Far Eastern observers have not failed to draw the comparison, and to point out the danger to Thailand's independence should she eventually stand in the way of a too-powerful Japan.

Japanese Infiltration

Thailand entered the tweatisth quarrels apparently ended, and she turned with great enthusiasm

All the decencies of exist temptible. It would be

This manifestation of Thailand's new-found, nationalism was aided by her neighbours, particularly the ground floor" of Siamese na-Britain and Japan, and received tionalism, and her agents have impetus after the bloodless political and social revolution of 1932, Thailand's present position which was followed by the founding of a virtual military dictator-

> "The Japanese, in aiding Thailand, have entrenched themselves every Government department, the army, the navy, the majority of the kanks, and nearly all commercial firms have Japanese adsame commanding influence in Thailand that Germany has won in Slovakia,

Janan has played cleverly on the enthusiastic nationalism of the Siamese. She has never lost an opportunity of recalling that Camhodia was "seized" by the French activities have been dominated by Great Britain and China; and Tokyo still maintains that Britain has attempted to mould Siamese

Thailand has apparently failed to realise Japan's ulterior aims; selfishness, or to observe that every branch of Siamese life is new so impregnated with Japanese influence that the Bangkok grown from five planes, in 1935, Government is rapidly losing the to more than 150 front-line very independence of thought and action which it imagines Japan is assisting Thailand to gain.

ant little kingdom.

"The New Order"

The beginning of Japan's rela-1614 and despite the rise of British influence, to-day Japan plays a commanding part in Thailand's internal and foreign affairs. Thailand was one nation which refused. to vote against Japan when the campaign against Manchukuo.

among a careless, carefree, but tain's interests, as well as those of strongly than ever before in his ple for their own advantage Ja- beyong Thadland lie Malaya and unquestionably constitutes one of par has increased her trade with Burma gateways to Australia and the most encouraging aspects a Thalland, and linked her ports to India.

to explain "the New Order in East Asia."

Japan, in short, has "got in on won to key positions throughout the country.

Under a military dictatorship herself, Thailand, has looked to Germany and Japan for inspiration in her programme of nationalism. Not since 1917, when she in the country's-life. Practically | declared war on Germany, has she stressed national desence so much as now. Since 1932 the amount spent on defence each year has more than doubled, and now accounts for more than half the national income. Conscription has been introduced, and the army has 1,500 foreign-trained officers, and more than 10,000 non-commissioned efficers.

> trained in Japan, and Japan also built 85 per cent, of the small, States and Britain are emphaticbut modern, fleet, which now includes a destroyer, four submarines, and 18 torpedo-boats. Eighty-five per cent, also of the officers in Thailand's navy, were trained in Japan, and the extent to which Japan has influenced the country's new military power is cooperation still is in a state of shown by the fact that some com- flux. mands are given in the Japanese language,

4 A similar rejuvenation has taken place, in the air force, which has American fighting 'planes to-day.

*Running A Risk

The reports which have cir- Discontent with the present-orculated from time to time of rifts | der as the result of a growth of in the relations between Thailand, nationalism among a backward and Japan have invariably ori- people has been fostered by Japan ginated in Tokyo. In every case for her own ends with conspicuous the roports have proved false, and success in Thailand, and what is in framing peace except Germany; century with her ancient border | have been designed, apparently, true there is true in other Eastern and in the second place it is gerto lull Thailand's neighbours into countries; though not to the same lain that even if Britain finally a false estimate of Japan's in- extent. Nowhere has Japan ex- won with only commercial assistfluence in the strategically import- pended so much effort with such ance from the United States, success as among the Siamese.

> check Thailand's tendency to befrom Tokyo have met with some One of Many Questions success. They won from Bangkok in 1939 at least a promise of neu- Fortunately for the future of During the last eight years when Far East and run the risk of becomes practical. Siamese nationalism has been themselves becoming subservient changing the course and shape of to an ally whom they helped to Nevertheless, the current of

Relations in Transition

Despite this undoubted progress, Most of the officers have been however, it is vital to realise that relations between the United ally, in a state of transition. One has only to recall the friction that flared up over the British opening of American mails, less than a year ago to appreciate this point. Events have moved fast and far |since then, but Anglo-American

Much depends now on whather the United States enters the war and if so how soon. It would be dangerous to close our eyes toothe plain fact that America's role in rebuilding peace must inevitably depend in great part on the role it? plays in war. If that role were to be limited to "cash and carry" aid to Britain—aid deeply appreciated but dearly bought, too, it should not be forgotten—it in in the first place doubtful whether any country would have any says America could hardly expects to Efforts by Britain and France to have much say about the peace. settlement that would follow.

trality. But to-day Japanese pow- Anglo-American unity, there is er in Eastern waters and along evidence that this important tack.
Thailand's borders is in the ag- is being frankly faced. This is a cendancy. Encouraged by Japan only one of countless thorny ques and anxious to take advantage of tions and difficulties that must be the new situation, the Siamese are solved before union—even a very apparently willing to assist the modest partial measure of union growth of Japanese power in the -between Britain and Americal

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Thus, the Duke of Devonshire told the House of Lords, seemed around him. meredible, but to simple-minded people, as in the Near East, where it was disceminated, it did gain a certa a amount of credence, and special steps were taken to deal with it

The Government did not propose to depart from the present special department of the Ministry of Information.

By A Special Correspondent TWO BIG BOMBS crashed in a London street. This is what happened: Two people were sheltering in a disused water tank standing inside a building which received a direct hit.

The tank was blown into the air. It came down on top of the wrecked building. The two people were still inside it — and very much alive

pounder - landed opposite a wardens to threm building in which Old Bill is night ..." watchman.

Bill, his spell of duty over, was asleep when the explosion wrecked the front of the building and shattered every piece of glass

When anxious wardens arrived to rescue Bill he told them to go away. "No Hitler or anybody else is going to spoll my sleep," he said. And turned over in his bed of broken glass and debris.

Girls' Bravery

In a house which was almost method of combating Nazi Iles- levelled to the ground three young girls were buried by debris. They were dressed only in thin night clothes and lay between a heavy

The other bomb—a thousand pile of bucks and dust directing " "They were extremely brave," said a warden who helped to rescue them; "They kept dallfrig out 'A little to the left' or 'A little to the right until we -reached them.

"All they asked for when we got them out was a cup'of tea."

Baby's Escape

With a doctor standing by with oxygen, ARR wardens worked desperately in darkness for threequarters of an hour to dig out a three-month-old baby from the wreckage of a house in a London suburb.

They reached the baby-and found it unhurt:

Over the child rafters had formed a protective which took the weight of tons of crashing debris. The other occupants of

house were unhurt. Blind Folk Bombed

Seventy blind men and women in an institution at a South-West town were being led back from their shelters when one bomb hit a shelter and another the bedrooms to which they were being taken.

Only two men were injured, both by flying glass.

"There was no panic," the matron told a reporter. "Some of the men were' thrown on the floor, but they picked themselves up, and the attendants and myself led them to another shelter that had not been touched.

"I could not find an old man, but just as we were going to the shelter he came along the corridor saying: 'It is all right, matron. I have got my gas-mask and over-

RAGGED BODY OF RAIDERS

By A Special Correspondent The first bombing squadrons came over Dover high during the morning, taking advantage of huge cloud-barries, which roof-

ed the Channel and which, except for a large blue gap, over the Dover area. stretched for miles Academie and them and forced

thems to charge course into a line of the section o

in a ragged body of about 50.

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Joe emiled and got on with his

"Here Son" Les called

dor yen, de tributan et earpluge.

mittatte latez - "Eve got a new Job.

Right" replied Joe "141 be

properly."

(An armless, unpaid volunteer warden goes to it for eighteen hours a day in Britain's front line. A Special Correspondent who spent a night on duty with him tells how this great-hearted little man does his bit for his country).

Joe is armless. He was born that way. He does everything with his feet, answering the phone, keeping the log, putting his tin hat on, stopping buses when there is danger, testing gas masks. And he wants to be a roof spotter!

Joe, as his neighbours call him, is Horace Lineham, aged thirty-one, of Stone, Dartford, Kent. the boys of the Welsh Tavern A.R.P. post he is Son. He was opening the post when I met him. Out of lyour and whether the R.A.F. inthe shoe came his left foot, neatly lifting the key from his breast pocket. In a flash he had the door open and the light switched on.

challenged him to 201 up at [darts. With his left foot he flicked the first dark into double top to open the game.

Then the banshee wailed That left foot went into action, whipping on tin hat, whisking! out whistle,

Into the street he ran, blow ing the alert. Then back hel came to mark the log.

"Hello, Son," said the Loy, ex-Giorre And he will they harried in, "You're here first again!

The floor is Joe's deck. On the book which lay there he ticked off the squad's names as they arrived for the 191st raid among them Les Couchman and his wife Mary: Taffy Young, an arreraftman on leave, Dick Fisher and Frank Lusher, landlord of the lavern next door.

The phone rang, Joe picked it up fixed it in a gadget in the wall and dictated a message.

18-Hour Day

"I've been a warden for near-By a year," Joe told me, "I volunteered on October 28 last year. I'm unpaid.

"I'm no good to the Army, But can do anything at A.R.P. that other people can do.

"I'm registered as a part-time worker. Most days I put in eighteen hours. I live just round the corner.

Joe isn't scared of anything Jerry cares to send-and he has only one complaint.

"The boys want me to do all the inside work," he said. "But want to be outside-in the front line."

When things get too hot, Joe warns the bus drivers to stop. They take his advice: He shepherds the elderly and children to

He'll Be There

Joe had eighteen months' touring in a show; performing with his feet tricks many men cannot do with their hands. The war dilled that Now he has no job xcept ARP. And that is imaid. He dives with his parents.

BOMBER DROME'S TWO V.C.'S

A Hampden Bomber aerodrome. Somewhere - in - Englandnow boasis of having two V.C.s graffondd duers Anonen, fuel i Ste not in the same squadron

The two heroes are Sergeant John Hannah, who was awarded the V.C. for most conspicuous bravery, and Flight-Lieutenant Learoyd, who received the V.C. for his part in the attack on the Dortmund-Ems Genet

The bomber squadron to which Sorgeant Hannah belongs was formed in Scotland, in 1917, and n few months later it began operations in France. In our operation in the last war sixpilots carried out a dangerous mission, and each of them receiv-

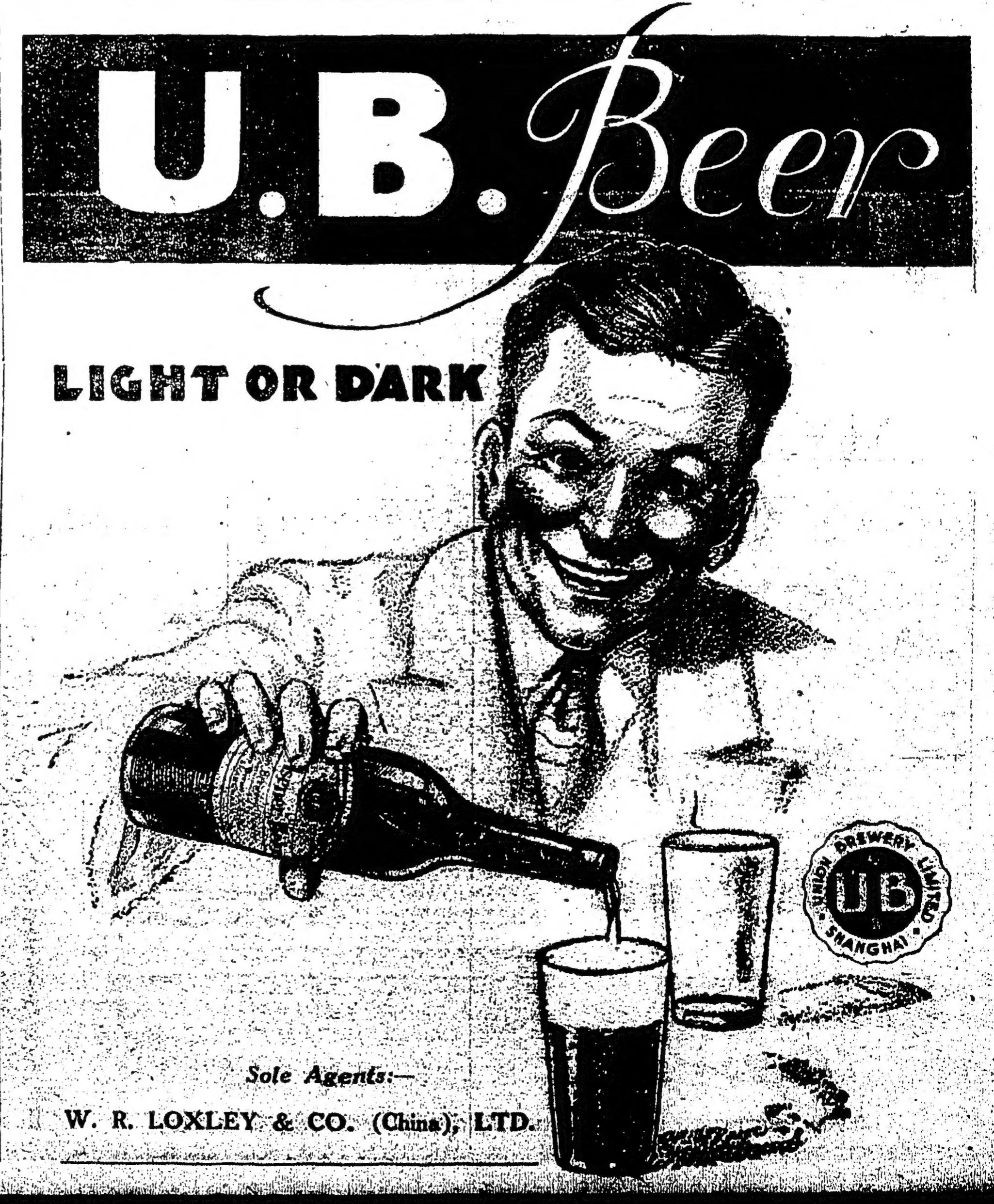
In the present war, the squadron has lived up to its reputalion, and before Sergeant Hannah's net of bravery, it had curn's ed one D.S.O. thirteen D.F.C.s and five D.F.M.s.

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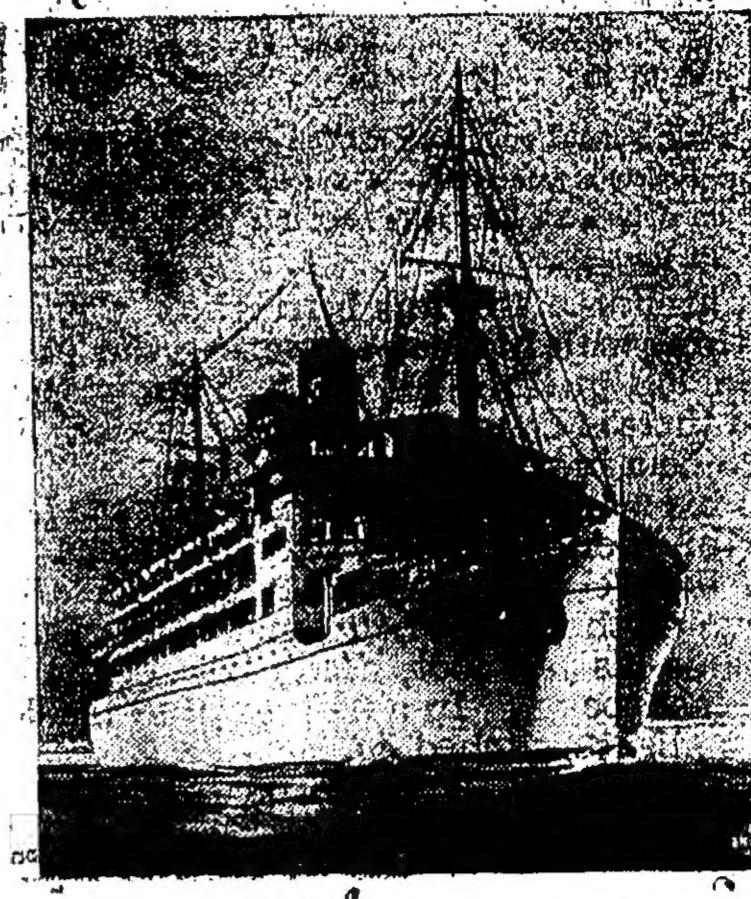
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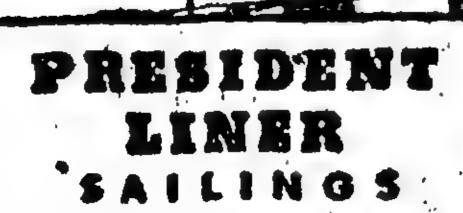
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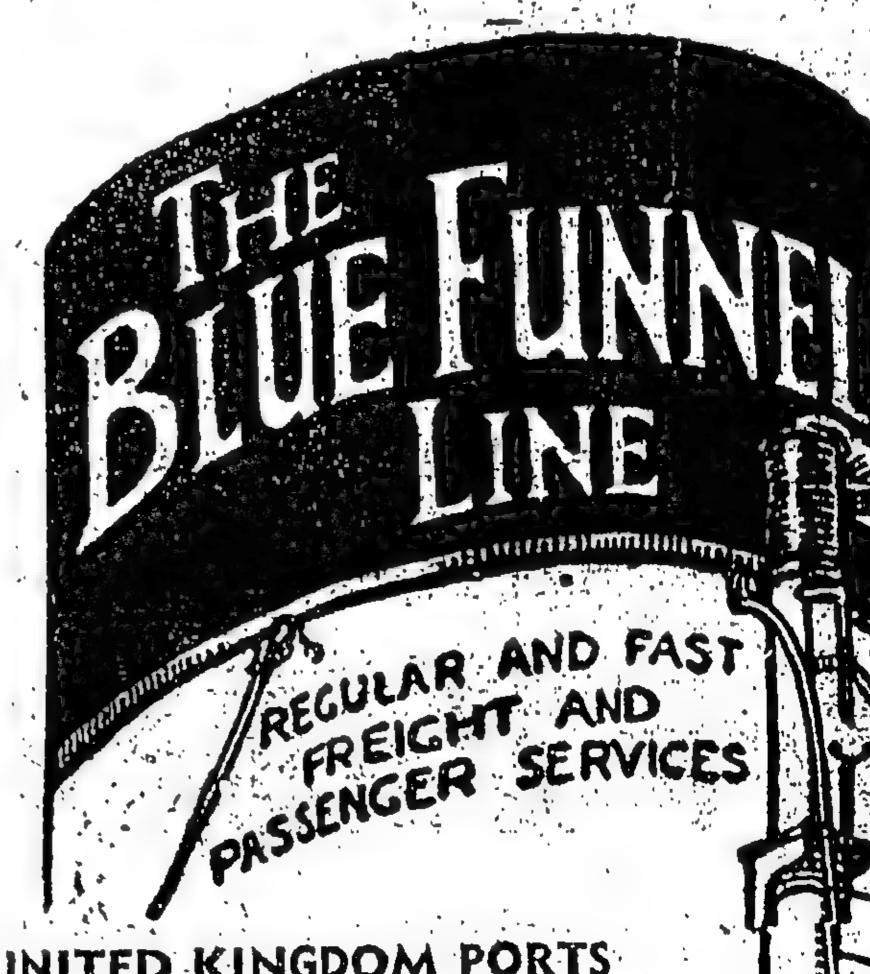
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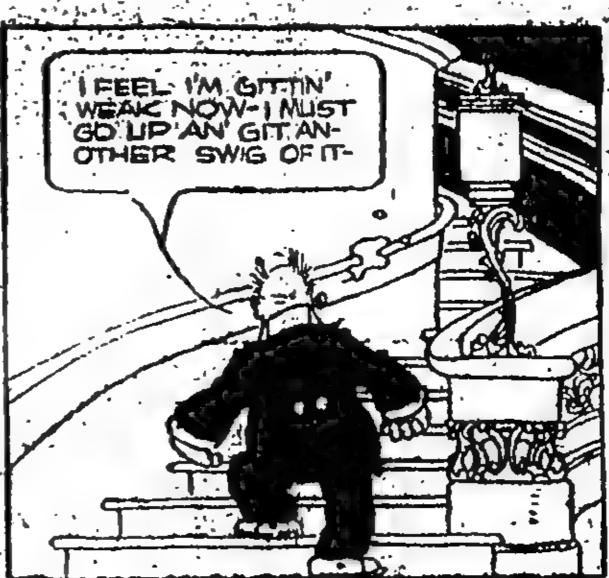
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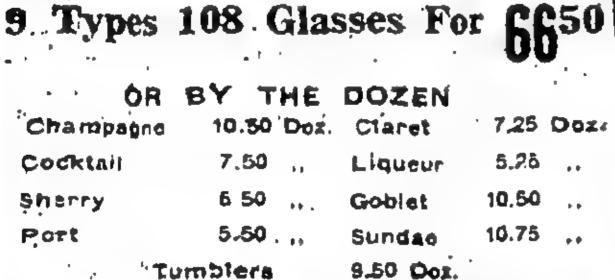
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Feature of the match was the bright batting of the Volunteers. Anderson and Mackay put on 88, for the first wicket in 50 minutes, Mackay claiming 49, and Anderson and Attwell added 67 for the second wicket, of which Attwell's share was a hard-hit 32.

The brightest batting of the day was seen, however, on the advent of Griffiths, who hit brilliantly all round the wicket for 45 runs scored in only 17 minutes.

Anderson batted with enterprise throughout the innings, and scored 117 not out. He hit 13 Cpi, Alsey, b' Baxte fours, Mackay eight, Attwell five Lt. Ford, Lb.w., b. McLollan and Griffiths eight.

Scots' bowler aithough his analysis Capt, Paterson, c Baxter, b McLellan does not make impressive reading, Lt. Fargus, lib.w., b. Persons..... Special mention must be made Sgt. Develoux, by Pecasion B. Booker, of the fine catch taken by Major ber Taylor b. Role the Hooket Godley to dismiss Perry. The percock materials Civil Service player hit a half waters, tetar Well. volley with tremendous force to midsoff where Godley held the chance about a took off the ground; · Godley also batted very well for the soldiers, playing some crisp

strokes and shaping very confidently. After he had scored 32, however, he played a ball on to his pads and thence on to the wicket: Fargus appeared likely to get runs but was howi to Parsons when nine, :

for Scots and took 5; for 13, in sgt. Deverous, c. Perry, b Mackay 16 four overs, while Parsons also-put Ple Peacock, Thow, to Mackay down some good balls although he Pte. Newson, c Anderson, b Attwell ... 4

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...In the final of the Royal Hong Kong Golf Glub's Ghampionship at Fanling yesterday, "F. Groves beat Col. H. B. Rose by two and one after being two up at the 18th. The golf was of only moderate standard, but the match interesting and exciting.

Fine bowling by H. F. Lee was insufficient via give Engineers victory over Medicals "A" in an inter-Enculty match at Poktulum yesterday, and the result was a

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Total (for 7 wkts.) K. S. Khoo and T. T. Tech did

Bowling Analysis Hong Choy

Before a large crowd of members and an even larger crowd of caddiesvariety and others. A. K. Mackenzie played himself at Fanling yesterday as Captain of Royal Hong Kong Golf Glub.

Caddles in swarms, in numbers estimated at between 150-and 200, crowded the course in quest the captain's first ball, and coveted dollar that went with down the fairway the ball being triumphantly retrieved by a rickshaw coolle caddle, who brought baok the Bacon and took away a

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Football

THE defeat of Service Corps by 30th R.A. at Stanley was the only unexpected football result on H. Owen Hughes 103 Saturday. South China and Engineers, leading teams in Second Division, both won easily.

Signals are still hot on the heers of Air Force for Third Division honours and on Saturday accounted. for i International, only team getito beat Air Force,

First Division results were as expected though the game tween Navy and Middlesex was. keenly contested.

Rugby

NAVY, won the first Quadraugular Rugby Tournament by beating Army by, 11 points to nil on Club ground after holding an six point lead at the interval.

Bowls

KOWLOON Bowling Green Ciub held its Closing Day on Saturday; when prizes won during the season were presented by Sir Atholl MacGregor, acting President of the Lawn Bowls Association, who also took part in the day's match,

Over 20 rinks took part in a match between the Club and the Penthers 20, Las Florinas 8. Association. The Chub's team windows 13, Cardinals 5. which included players from office clubs, lost by 31 shots.

Cricket

still had thee wickets in hand ALTHOUGH scoring was high in Cosmopolitans I have Saturday's acidical programme RAT 27 Strike of some good bowling feats were re-some good bowling feats were re-gistered best being Macauley's 6 for 20 for DBS. against Cryll Recrebt Banglers Wir U

H. Owen Hughes had the batting performance bithe day and registered a fine century. Lending feats were:-BATTING

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Softball Results

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Hong Kong Baseballers - gosepara Barrana Cyclones 4 Canucks ?. Indians 14 Filiphos 6

IS CHINA SPORTS

By "Sportshawk"

THE COLONY record for the 10,000 metres flat race was smashed by Lee Yuk-foon when he returned 38 minutes and 7 seconds to better the old mark held by Yeung Wah-sang's of 39 minutes and 31.6 seconds at Caroline Hill yesterday in the open event of the 18th Annual Athletic Meeting held by the South China Athletic Association.

The times and distances as well as heights in all other track or field events were on the low side, and Lee Yuk-foon, who is a mewcomer to the Colony, from Kwangtung Province, and who recently won the first marathon race sponsored by Hong Kong and Kowloon Residents' Union, deserves full marks for returning such an excellent time;

Lee led all the way to win the | China Athletic Association," Time: 5818 race comfortably by about threequarters of a lap from Signalmun Lewis of Royal Corps of Signals. Private Manson, of Royal Scots, who was one of the favourites forthis race, faded out poorly and gave up after finishing only 16 rounds.

Fong Chi-hung, formerly of Wah Yan College, better known as a high-jumper, easily won the Pole. Vault event for Members at of the rickshaw coolie 9 feet and 3 inches to beat Chu Fook-sing, who was second, by no less than two inches. Mr.: Fok Po-chui distributed

the prizes to the winners.

OPEN EVENTS 10,000 Metres: 1. Led Yuk-toon; Signalman Lewis and 3, Lam Kimfan.

Time: 38 min. 7 sec. Men's 1,800 Metres Relay (Team of four);-1, South China Athletic Assoit. ciation; 2, Wah Yan College and 3, Ling Kwok-pun, and 3, Lung Kai-ming. Time: Mackenzie hit a 200 yard drive Nam University; Time: 3 min: 58 sec. Mente 400% Metres Relay (Team Jot four. Under five feet):-- i, King's College; and 2. Wah . Yan, Oollege,

> South China Athletic Angogiation and 9, 2 min, 22.5 sec: Wah Yan College. Time: 48 sec. Ladles 400 - Metres Relay (Team of ming: 2, Wong Shuchken and 3, Teams faur) 1-1, French Convent and 2, South Kwan-ming. Time; W.4, sec.

MEMBERS' EVENTS 100 Metres:-1, Yu Khi-yan and 2, Sin.

Kwok-pun. Time: 12 sec. 400 Mothes:-1. Cheung Chau; 2. Sin Kwok-pun and 3, Cheung Kat-pul, Time : 110 Metres High Hurdles:-1, Wong

Kl-lim: 2, Lul. Kwal-chu and 3, Chu-Fook-sing. Time: 192 sec. Throwing Javelin:-1, Tam Hol-chuen; 2, Chu Fook-sing and 3, Tsang Kwanming. Distance: 30.08 metres.

"Throwing Discust-1, Yu Kal-yan and 2. Chu Fook-sing. Distance: 24.50

-- Step-Hop-Jump:-1; Wong Ki-Im; and 2 Choung Tung-hol. Distance: 10.84 High Jumn:-1: Chan Chol-shun; 2,13

Fong Chi-hung, and 3. Tsang Kwan-g ming, Height: 1.04 metres. Pole Vaulti-1. Fond Chi-hung; 2. Chu Enck-sing and 3, Kwan Chu-pui, Height: Long Jump :-- 1. Wong Ki-lim! 2. Chu.

Fook-sing, and . 3. Tsang, Kwan-ming-Dislance: 5.98 metres: 203. Metres: -1, Cheung Chau: 2,-Sittry

1,500 Metrest-1. Chan Chan-wat; 2. Lai Pun-yuen and 3 Lam Kim-fung. Almet & min: 2 sec. Men'er 400 Metres Relay (Jeam of . 800 Metres Lui Puh-yuen: 2; Chan four) :--- 1. Ling! Nam University: 2. Chad-wal and 3. Lau Shum-chi. Time

400 Motres Hurdien-1, Lung Kaly

BEAT KWONG WAH

By "Referee"

AFTER A PROMISING START, during which they more than held their own in the first 15 mintutes, Kwong Wah fell away to such an extent in their First Division soccer game at Happy Valley yesterday that they were beaten by founclear goals by Sing Tao and only the bad shooting of the Sing Tao forwards prevented a bigger score.

Sing Tao took the lead 15 min-

Sing Tao were not at full strength, of wild shooting frem good posibeing without the services; tions. of Kwok Ying-kee while Cheung Wing-choy played in goal for the units from the start through Lai first time since his injury against! Shur-wing when he beat Chung! Eastern. I Fai-lum and sent in a hard drive.

It was only occasionally that, Shortly after Teng Kwong-sum Kwong Wah forwards were seen mercased the lead when he was in any real attacking movements | sent through by Lai Shui-wing right wing and though he sent in over several good centres the other forwards found Lee Tingsang and Hau Yung-sang too good for them. Wong King-cheung, on the left wing, also played well for

Kwong Wah, Kwong Wah's defence could not cope with Sing Tao's attack. Yeung Tse-chong worked hard at wing half but did not assist his forwards

very much. Soong Ling-sing was outstanding in the Sing Tao delence. Occupying the pivotal position be kept his forwards well supplied. with passes.

Slow Wing

'-Yeung Shui-yick and Ip Pakwan were slow on the left wing. The former was badly in need of practice while Ip was not accurate with his preses. Fortunately for Sing Tao, both Fung King-cheong and Lat Shul-wing played up to form as these were the only oforwards able do anything br note with the ball. Both were guilty however,

POPULAR

By "Strum Half"

have won the Rugby Tournament, and a more popular success could not be imagined.

With the talent they had available, Navy have performed miracles, and Carter is to be congratulated on their triumph. It was indeed unfortunate that he was unable to play in any of the five games, and it is to be hoped that he will lead the side against Police next Saturday.

Paul, Honeywill and a hardworking pack were responsible for a 11-0 win over a team who secured the ball from the set scrums nine times out of ten for practically threequarters of the game. Deadly tackling held up repeated Army attacks and dropped passes or failure to run straight nullified fall their best efforts.

"Army had the talent to win this tournament, but they have a hard match ahead; of them, against Club, before they can be even runhers-up.

Club easily accounted for Police, who were lost without Wall

CHINESE TEAM FOR NEW YEAR'S CHARITY GAME

Following have been chosen to represent Combined Chinese against the Rest of Colony on New Year's Day at Sookunpoo in aid of the B.W.O.F. and Bomber Fund.

Choung Wing-chol; (Sing Tao) Trang Chung-wan (South China) and Lee Thisang; (Sing ATao) Soong Ling-sing, (Sing Tao) Haw King-seng, (Enstern) and Tse Kani-hung, (South & China) Chung Yung-sum, (Eastern) (Funy King-cheong, (Sing Tao) V. K. Hyui, (Eastern) Leg Wai-tong, (South Chink) (Capt') and Hau Ching-to, (Eastern).

M. V. Umfreville, who kept wicket for the British Empire cricket eleven. on many decasions during the sunimer, has joined the Royal Air Force to trans as a remiguiner.

Unitreville) Whow is a twenty years of age, in considered one of the best wicket-keepers (in'. club) cricket and is a useful soccer inside derward:

YESTERDAY'S SOCCER RESULTS

FIRST DIVISION Sing Tao 4 Kwong Wah SECOND DIVISION. Sing Tao 4 Kwong Wah Police 5 Kit Chee THIRD DIVISION 12th R.A. 2 A.S.A. Medicale 2 7th R.A.

wing headed in a centre from Young Shui-yick and before time Fung King-cheong added another. Kwong Wah:-Lee Kwok-kee; Leung Pak-wai, Chung Fai-lam; Cheung Shivfai, Chung Kim-fai, Leung Chi-cheong: Cheuk Shek-kam, Tin Yun-fat, Chin Chifun, Lau Fook-chuen and Wong King-

Sing Tao:--Cheung Wing-chot: Hatt Yung-sang, Lee Tin-sang Tsul Ah-fai, Soong Ling-sing, Luk Tat-hang; Tang In the second half Lai Shui- Shue-yick.

C.R.C. AT HOME

An "At Home" was held at the Chinese Recreation Club, Causeway Bay, yesterday, when a large number of members participated in an American mixed doubles tennis tournament. The prizes won during the past season were distributed at the end of the afternoon by the Hon. Mr. M. K. Lo. after the Hon. Secretary, Mr. Wong Kwok-fong, had briefly reviewed the peason's activities.

YACHT RACING

Gull (Capt. A. O. G. Mills) won the Sweepstake race of the Royal Hong Kong Yacht Club held on Seturday over a distance of 8.6 miles, Koala (Mrs. M. Johnson) was second and Redshank (J. Krogh-Moe) third. There were 11 starters and all completed the course.

The race for the Mixed Class was won by Ailsa (Capt., W. A. Cheuk Shek-kam played on the and had no difficulty from close Kwong-sum, Fung King-cheong, Lat Ingram) with Widgeon (Mapjor Shiu-wing, Ip Pak-wah and Yeung G. H. Brown) second and Owl (G. L. Eastgate) third, There



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BARDIA WEAKENING UNDER BRITISH PRESSURE

Early Fall Of Fortress Taken As Inevitable

ANTI-NAZI FEELING IN FRANCE

Bitter anti-German feeling in France was ad-German-controlled Paris Radio.

The appointer complained had when the RAF, tembers madtheir raids a Frenchwoman sold

"The English at last" God bless their hon better

The Italians, too, sum to have some misgivings, and an Pollar National Counciller in Remarks terday complained.

"Italy, while in a life-anddeath struggle against the strongest Empire in the world. car not trust the French

"It cannot be said that vanquished France is yet persuaded of her defeat." - Reuter

ARABS'

HAVE NEVER BEEN CLOSER that Bardia is in no sense a bas-TO THE BRITISH THAN THEY tion of the Italian forces in Africa. ARE NOW, REPORTS A BRITISH OFFICIAL WHO, HAS JUST RE-TURNED TO ADEN FROM A TOUR OF THE HADRAMAUT REGION OF SOUTHERN ARAB.

Desert have given them great de- | - Reuter.

Poor Response To British Gunfire

BARDIA NOW SEEMS to be weakening mitted yesterday by the under the relentless British pressure of the past 10 days, and a Cairo communique yesterday evening said that in that area British guns had been active with little response from the Italians.

> British pressure is being maintained in other parts of the war zone in Africa.

In the Sudan/Abysamia sector, you hacast of Kasala and east of Galabat, British patrols with artilerry support have been harrying strength, courage and resolution of the Palians successfully.

In Italy itself, the early fall of Bardia seems to be taken as inevitable.

Signor Ansaldo--who takes second place only to Signor Gayda us leading Italian publicist -- de-SOUTHERN . ARABS cloved yesterday in a Turin paper

> light and brought great relief, for the coastal Arabs have learned to hate Mussolini and Fascism.

"Wherever I went, I heard pray-The victories in the Western ers for a British victory," he said.

In making this statement, he ignores Italian broadcasts of the past few days to the effect that the resistance at Bardia proved the the italian troops and also proved how fruitless the British offensive was deamed to become.

According to Signor Ansaldo, the Italians in Bardla are holding out because of their irritation at British boasting after Sidi-Barani! - Reuter.

PAMPHLETS AGAINST - NAZI TYRANNY AND BE-AFFIRMING FAITH, IN DEMOCRACY HAVE BEEN DISTRIBUTED IN THE STREETS OF BUCHAREST .-JUST ONE MORE SIGN OF THE GROWING HATRED OF THE RUMANIANS AGAINST THEIR GERNAN MASTERS.

The pamphlets express undying faith in the Allied cause and suite that unly a British victory can free the oppressed, peoples of Europe from the Nazi veke.

"England is invincible, and with America will break the menace to neace under whose powers of despotism Europe is greaning to-day, says the pamphlet. - Reuter:

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SAUDI PLOT REVEALED

THE SAUDI-ARABIAN LEGA-TION IN CAIRO STATED YES-TERDAY THAT A PLOT AGAINST KING IBN-BAUD HAD BEEN DISCOVERED.

Two persons had been sentenced to death and others sent "to

Before the news was made public, the Italian Radio had already started to accuse the British of complicity in the deed.

These accusations are fantastic, London: circles said last anight. That the British should harbour ony malicious intentions against. an old and tried friend is obviously ridiculous. - Reuter.

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MYSTERY PLANES OVER EIRE

Unidentified aircraft were sighted over Duncarana and Lochswilly coastal forts shortly after noon yesterday, states the Eirean Department of Defence.

Anti-aircraft batteries opened fire and the aircraft flew to the north-east.

Later in the afternoon a multi-engined military aircraft flew over Dublin and the Eastern Counties area.

Anti-aircraft artillery south of the capital fired and an interceptor patrol immediately took off but the intruder disappeared into thick clouds before she could be identified.—Reuter.

GREEKS CONTINUE ADVANCE

Yesterday marked the end of the second month since the invasion of Greece — but how different was the position from the rosy expectations of the Italians when they began to invade Greece.

Unconfirmed reports in the

Belgrade newspaper "Politikas" state that the Greeks have taken an important town between Podgradetz and Elbasan.

The Greeks, says the paper, outflanked the town after heavy fighting in snow. — Reuter.

Heights Occupied

It is stated in press reports from Athens that Greek troops advancing north of Chimara have gained possession of an important

mountain position. In that Tepelini-Klissora sector the Greeks have occupied imprestrategic heights from which the Italians have withdrawn their last

Prisoners have been taken and material captured includes a field gun. British Wireless.

next dev. days

One Of Most Intensive Attacks Ever Experienced

PETAIN SILENT ON NAZI THREATS TO FRANCE

Marshal Petain made a national broadcast yesterday afternoon but threw no light on the present Franco-German negotiations, which have been the subject of a big crop of weekend rumours.

He confined himself to a moral appeal to French youth and men for self-sacrifice and the team spirit.—Reu-

BORDER CLASHES

"LOCAL HOSTILITIES" BE-TWEEN THAILAND AND Instead of an easy victory and FRENCH TROOPS OCCURRED an early one, the Italian troops ON SATURDAY. ACCORDING have found themselves pushed TO A COMMUNIQUE ISSUED back into Albania by the Greeks, YESTERDAY BY THE THAI HIGH COMMAND IN BANG-KOK.

> The French were routed and arms and ammunition captured... The communique adds that on Saturday evening French troops opened fire from Vientianne but were quickly silenced.—Reuter.

SECTION OF C.H.R.

The Canton-Hankow Railway. which has been closed to the pubof Canton, will be partially open. MOROCCO, WERE DENIED BY ect by the Japanese military authorities on January, 1, when The French Ambassation to kell north and Canton and Sun-China, M. Henri Competential arrived second-colonial dispanses percent

ical Petiter Special

ONLY SLIGHT GERMAN activity over Britain during last night is reported in an Air Ministry communique.

Bombs, were dropped at a place in northwest England, where a small number of people were killed and others injured.

one Suffolk coast town and two Kent coast towns but though U.S. A.D. some houses were damaged no! casualties were reported.

TO BRITAIN London had one of the ear liest aleris last night for some time and in the early stages the raid proved one of the most intensive yet experienced.

In all areas showers of incen- AMERICA AND A DOZEN diaries were followed by high SHORT-WAVE TRANSMITTERS explosives.

LOSSES IN A WEEK

FAR EAST IN MANY LAN-During the week ended midnight on December 28 the Germans, in raids Britain, lost seven increased aid to Britain, the newsplanes.

Two were lost on the night of Dec. 21/22, three on the night of Dec. 22/23, one during the day of Dec. 23 and one during the day of

During the same period no British fighters were lost.

Five British bombers were lost in the course of widespread heavy attacks over enemy and enemyoccupied territory.

One was lost on the night, of Dec. 22/23, one on the night of Dec. 23/24, one on the night of. Dec. 26/27 and one on the night of Dec. 27/28.—Reuler.

REPORTS THAT A FRENCH PLANE WITH FIVE ON BOARD. INCLUDING HIGH PERSON-AGE, WAS SHOT DOWN BY SPANISH ANTI - AIRCRAFT FIRE NEAR GIBRALTAR ON CHRISTMAS DAY WHILE ON THE FRENCH RADIO FROM LYONS LAST NIGHT:

No French 'plane, stated the' announcer left Morocco tor France on that day non have the French authorities any informaion of a plane under repair from Chimeking on Saturday and Prains will stop at seven sta- which left Oran on Christman will sail for Shanghai during the tions between Canton and Sun- Day with only civil technicians on board, - Router

GALLUP POLL

LATEST

No less than 60 per cent, of the population of the United States now realises that it is more important to aid Britain, even at the risk of entering the war, than to keep out at all costs, the latest Gallup survey shows.

The "New York Times" repor's that in response to the question "Do you believe the Germans intend to make slaves of the people of Europe and to control American trade and industry?" no less than 60 per cent answered "Yes."

The second World War has arrived and Germany will attack the United States as soon as it suits her, said the "New York Herald Tribung! in a leading article yesterday.

Aid to Britain is a necessity which permits of no hesitation, the paper concludes. - Reuter.

MILITARY TRAINING IN INDIA

The need of Indian youths taking advantage to the utmost of paper "Washington Post" yester- facilities for military training in day said: "Britain should "fight every branch of the war effort; not with her back to the wall but were stressed by various confer-. with her back to American fac- ences held all over India during Christmas week. — Reuter,



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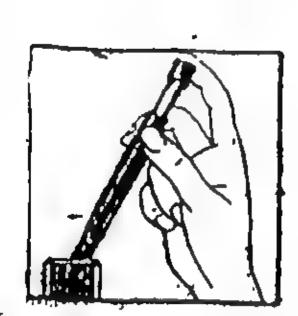
BERWICK IN ACTION

Enemy Raider Attacking Convoy



When bombs were dropped during a recent raid on London a large grater was caused in Westminster. The House of Lords windows were damaged. Photo shows broken windows at the House of Lords and the statue of Richard Coeur de Lion in foreground. (Copyright, Fox).

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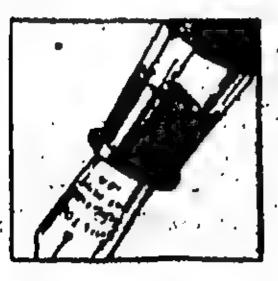
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Christmas Day Brush Revealed

A POWERFUL ENEMY surface warship was hit amidships by a British shell in the North Atlantic on Christmas Day, while her supply ship was scuttled and sunk, announces the Admiralty.

On the morning of Christmas Day, the powerful enemy warship tried to attack a convoy in the North Atlantic, says the Admiralty communique.

GOING HOME

-Central News.

About 200 American mission-

One ship in the convoy was hit and received slight damage. The enemy withdraw at thigh speed as soon as she realised the

convoy was escorted. Our escort gave chase and was able to engage the enemy at long range. Visibility had been wartahle and dropped rapidly to half a mile.

One shell burst amidships but it is not possible to state the extent of any further damage.

H.M.S. Berwick received slight damage and there were five casualties, whose next of kin had been informed.

Berwick is remaining at sea as an effective unit of the Navy. During the pursuit in poor visibility, the German s.s. Baden, 8,000 tons, was intercepted. She immediately set herself on fire and had to be sunk by shell-fire. It is considered probable she was acting as a supply ship. — Reuter,

***Berwick, a 10,000-ton cruiser of the Kent class, was completed in 1927 and was formerly on the China station. She saw action with the Mediterranean Fleet November when our ships chased the Italians.

CONVOYING **TACTICS**

The King has personally assured himself of the great care with which arrangements for convoys are worked out by naval authorities.

He recently visited a port for this purpose and he attended one of the informal conferences at which captains of merchantmen and escorting warships meet and discuss their problems before lcaving.

Skippers and naval personnel were scated together round a table receiving instructions from a naval captain when the King walked into the room accompanied by the Commander-in-Chief of the port.

At these conferences, which are always held a few hours before a convoy sails, the position each ship shall take is decided as well as methods to be adopted in case of strack pither by surface raider, U-boot or air-

The King was shown a chart of positions each ship would take and also where escorting warships would be positioned and he listened to discussions at the con-

Afterwards His Majesty met the kippers and talked with them individually. Several of the skip-pers were from Ailied countries. The Commodore of this convoy

o long talk with him. British

Drifting mines were reported from Chemig Cheu Island at 11-19 a.m. vesterday, by the Water Police, according to a Harbey. Department unnouncement this

FREE LIFT DRIVERS

A motorist who gives a free lift to anyone runs the risk of being sued if, by negligence, he involves the passenger in an accident, while a motorist who asks "reward" for a lift, even into a "Spittire" box, may invalidate his insurance policy.

In stating this, the Law Journal concludes that the Minister of Transport's proposal of a notice that passengers would be given lifts at their own risk goes back to a rule that has been denounced by the House of Lords, and is "a bold suggestion to make."

The Journal considers that if a driver says ! I will take you to London for two shillings," he becomes the driver of a hackney carriage, and requires a hackney carriage licence. Morcover, his insurance policy may be invalidat-

Drivers who hang about railway aries and their families will leave stations to "learn an dignost" Shanghai for America aboard the penny" by bringing pedestrians "President Coolidge" on New home play a game gat least as Year's Day and about 100 more dangerous as it is generous, and will deave by the "President Pierce" on January 6 and the the driver who says, "Here is a "President Taft" on January 20, box for the Spitfire fund. Will according to a Shanghai dispatch. you put something into it?" runs" into danger.



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MINE TRAGEDY IN INDIA

E. G. Borker, assistant manager of Kastur colliery, were asphyxiated while inspecting the mine, says a message from Jharia (India).

The men were overcome by a leakage of gas before help could reach them. -- Reuter.

INDIAN GUARD'S SUICIDE

An Indian guard (No. 430), L. Singh, who shot himself through the head yesterday morning, d'ed in the Kowloon Hospital at 4.301 p.m.

He was on duty at the Kowloon! Bus Company's premises in Castle Peak Road when the incident occurred.

He was only 25 years of age.

AGENCY NEWS MESSAGES SHOW THAT NEUTRAL CORRESPONDENTS IN ROME ARE NOW RECEIVING HINTS FROM OFFICIAL CIRCLES THERE OF IMPORTANT DEVELOP-Four, including Mr. | MENTS OF A DECISIVE NATURE IN THE VERY NEAR FUTURE AND THEY REPORT THAT THE ITALIAN PUBLIC ARE BEING PERSUAD-ED TO EXPECT SOME EARLY AND FAVOUR-ABLE MOVE TO OFFSET RECENT ITALIAN DEFEATS.

A German attack on Britain is promised for early in the New Year. The story is that Hitler has decided to act soon so as to get in a blow before further American help can reach Britain.

Rahan newspapers are telling pression created by Italian retheir readers the attack will take verses. place in surprising form and that many new secret weapons will be used. This last touch is recognised in London as a familiar formula in the war of nerves.

On the other hand, if the rumours are intended for the outside world, all verisimilitude has been taken from them by a detail added in Rome to the effect that the German atlack on Britain will be accompanied by "strong Italian parallel action in the Mediterranean."

Therefore, journalistic circles in London tend to regard this Rome campaign as chiefly intended as an aniedote at home to the de-

Not Impressed

Similar suggestions obvious'y inspired in Berlin were recently reproduced from neutral newspapers in the British press but no great importance seemed to be attached to them.

After the Prime Minister's warning before the narijamen. tary recess that Hitler's need for some action might lead him to attempt invasion at any time, and the consequent confidence that the authorities are on the alert, the press and public are not inclined to be particularly impressed by repetition of old threats from Berlin.

Nevertheless there is general satisfaction at the unmerciful hammering which the "invasion bases" have been receiving day and night from the R.A.F. since Christmas.--British Wireless.



Rome Radio, in its! efforts to create mistrust of British war news, yesterday adopted a rather feeble expedient.

It accused the B.B.C. and Calro of issuing widely differing reports of the number of Italian machines destroyed — alleging that while the former claims. Italian losses as two 'planes the latter gave 24. Rome was half correct in its facts. It only omitted to mention that the figure given by the B.B.C. was for the single day of December 26 and the Cairo figure re-lated to the number of aircraft shot down by a single squadron during six and a half months of war in the Western Dessert. — British Wireless.

I am a stranger to Hong Kong," pleaded a 29-year-old Hoklo junkapaster in the Marine Court this morning when he was charged with entering the West Lamma Channel minefield.

In reply to Commander J. Jolly, acting Harbour Master, Sergeant Mayor stated that the plea was feasible since defendant had been in charge" of the boat for only four days.

Desendant was cautioned.

ANTI-FASCIST RALLIES IN INDIA

Leading anti-Fascists in the Indian world of Labour are holding Lubbur rallies all over the country to miobilise Labour support for the war efforts Various industrial leaders are joining

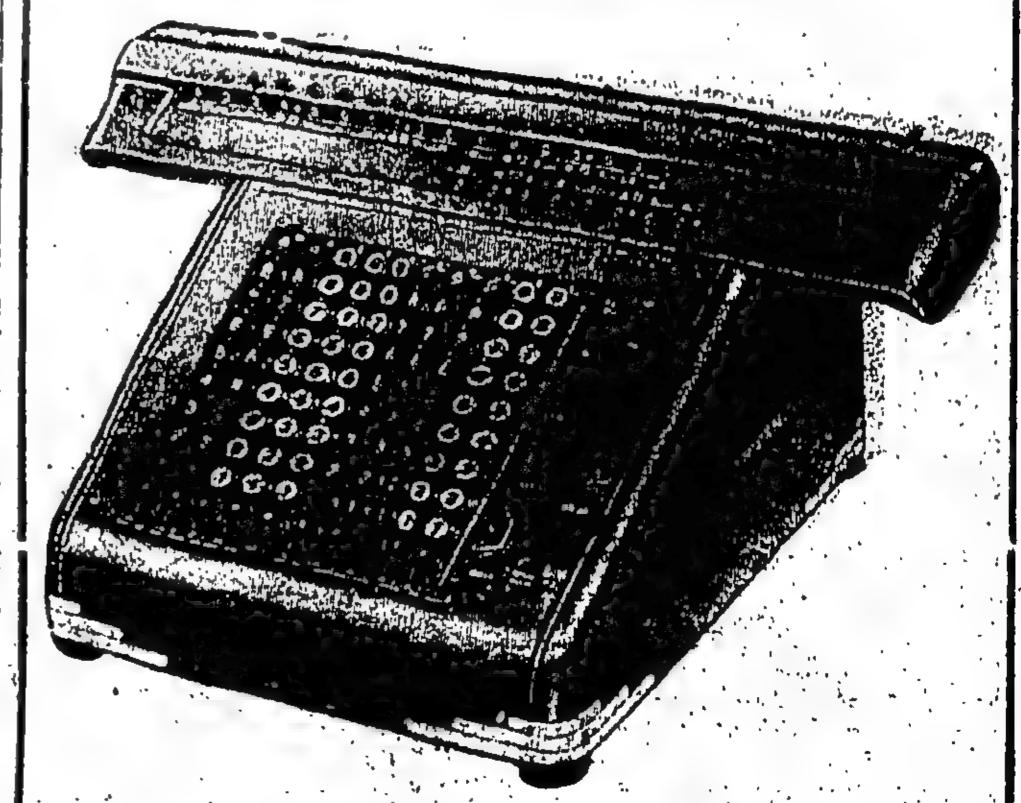
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MR. WINSTON CHURCHILL, the Premier, signs an autograph for a little admirer, whilst awaiting a train to London. Accompanied by Mrs. Churchill and General Sikorsky, the Polish Prime Minister, he had been inspecting more of Britain's defences. (Copyright, Fox).

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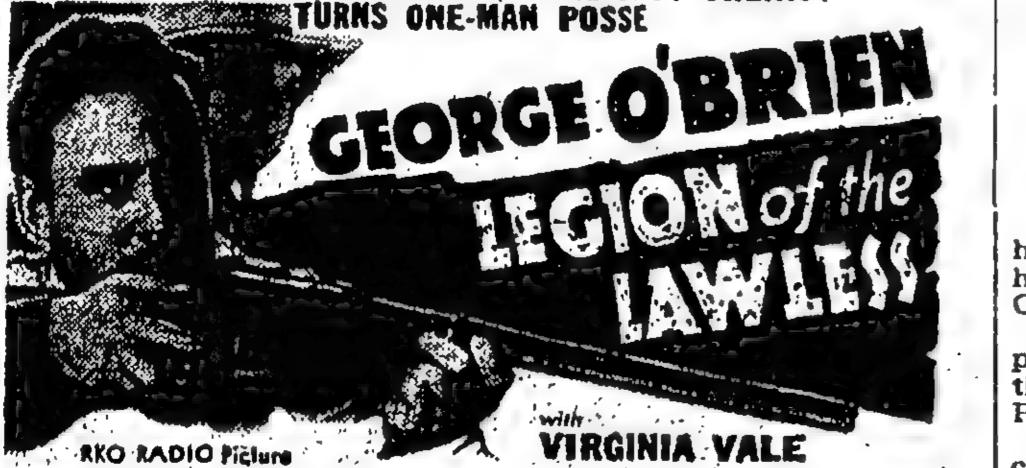


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Western Desert Air Encounter

TWO ITALIAN AIRCRAFT were brought down and five others damaged during an encounter between R.A.F. fighters and a large formation of enemy bombers escorted by fighters.

Announcing this, R.A.F. headquarters in the Middle East yesterday also said that during an R.A.F. raid on Tobruk on the night of December 26 fires were started but the full extent of damage could not be observed.

DINGHY SAFETY

The crew of a Royal Air Force bomber recently had narrow escape from drowning after making a successful attack on Berlin. The Captain, a Canadian, who was recently awarded the D.F.C. said:

"We found ourselves in difficulties when we were off the Frisian islands. It became obvious that we should have to come down on the sea.

voy and came down somewhere heim. He nearly succeeded, the out. hear to it, but no ship was sighteu. In the meantime, we were etting nearer to England. Soon we saw the coast and our hopes ran a little higher, but uniortunately both engines spluttered and then stopped.

"I pancaked on to the water, and landed a quarter of a mile from the coast. The navigator and the rest of the crew had launched the dinghy by the time I had managed to scramble out of the cockpit.

"It was just as well the navigator had left his position because when we hit the water, which was rather like hitting concrete, the first decks were smashed and water just rushed into the aircraft. It did a kind of submarine dive and hen came up again. We were soon aboard our dinghy and reached shore in about 45 minutes. We paddled the dinghy, propelled it shorewards with our hands and want behind it to push along, and finally we reached safety."

JUMBLE SALE OF HER HOME

One of Goering's tip-and-run heroes dropped a bomb on the house of Mrs. Taylor, in the Wes; Country.

Instead of being dismayed, she promptly held a jumble sale for the benefit of the Red Cross Penny-a-week Fund.

From the ruins of her home she calmly retrieved any still recognisable belongings. The open-air auction fetched £4 for bombspiled furniture.

When crowds came to look at the ruins Mrs. Taylor picked the few autumn flowers . left in her small garden and sold them as souvenirs

Mr. de la Bere (Con., Evesham) is to ask the Parliamentary Secre-

"Whether, in view of the dangers of air bombardment, he will now consider repairing and putting into working order the disused mills, throughout the country and abringing them back into

"And whether, with a view to improving the country's larder, he will encourage householders throughout the country to hold a 140lb, bug of flour with h view to its utilisation for home baking in the event of an emergency and us war precaution!

The enemy bombed Sollum but only slight damage was caused. The successful bombing of Valona, on the foreshore of southern Albania, is also reported.

One heavy bomb was seen to explode 50 yards from a large ship but the effect of the other bombs. could not be observed owing to extremely had wea-

All British aircraft returned ife'y to base.—Reuler.

HEAD-ON

desperate after a Blenheim fighter underneath the fighter. had chased him for over 50 miles | The Blenheim pilot had pre-We lightened the aircraft as that he attempted to ram his pur- viously opened fire and damaged much as possible by jettisoning suer head-on. Suddenly turning the homber. all surplus weight and nursing the at the end of the chase, he drove When last seen the bomber was. ngine. We hoped to find a con- his Junkers straight at the Blen- flying slowly, with oil pouring

GIFT 'PLANE FROM LOCKHEED FACTORY

A Hudson Bomber Lockheed and Vega". has just arrived in Britain. It has come from America:

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SABOTAGE FOUND

Czechs working to sabotage German food and petrol rationing systems in the Protectorate are reported to have been discovered.

Czech newspapers refer to a big organisation sabotaging food rationing in Bohemia and Moravia.

It is stated that Mr. John Spacil, mayor of the important Bohemian industrial town of Castav, has been arrested together with two admin'strative functionaries who are accused of sabotage against the institution of ration cards.

Faked Cards

Faked petrol ration cards aimed at upsetting the distribution system are reported to have been found by the Gestapo in a country printing office.

These books were distributed by a widespread organisation, free of charge, amongst trustworthy Czech patriots.

It is understood that the damage and disorganisation caused is substantial.

AIRMAN PRINCE "SCOUNDREL"

PRINCE VON STARHEMBERG, former Vice-Chancellor of Austria, now a lieutenant in the Free French Air Force, was called "a scoundrel" in the House of Commons by Mr. Wedgwood (Soc., Newcastle-under-Lyme).

Captain Balfour, Under-Secretary for Air, said that Prince von Starhemberg received £1 11s. 4d. a day — the pay and allowances appropriate to his rank. All expenditure on the Free French Air Force is met in the first instance from funds advanced from the Government.

Mr. Wedgwood. Is it not rather life in the air and fight in our indecent that this man who assassinated democracy in Austria should now be allowed to fight on our side, and should be paid by us in the war for democracy, and against all that Prince von Starhemberg has stood for?

Captain Balfour: I reject that suggestion whole heartedly. To any one who is willing to risk his

cause, we own a debt of gratitude.

Cries Of Order

Mr. Woodburn (Soc., Clackmannan): Is there any suggestion that we are going to impose him on

Austria at the end of the war? Mr. Silverman (Soc., Nelson and Colne): Does the Under-Secretary suggest that Prince von Starhemberg is more worthy to fight for democracy than many of our internees in this country?

Captain Balfour: That is a different question from the one on the paper. If this man is willing to fight in our cause and risk his

life, he deserves our gratitude. Mr. Wedgwood, speaking with some warmth, asked, "Why will you not allow other allens from Austria to fight?"

Above loud cries of "Order," Mr. Wedgwood continued: "You keep them in prison, but allow a scoundrel like that to fight for democracy. I want an answer from the Government."

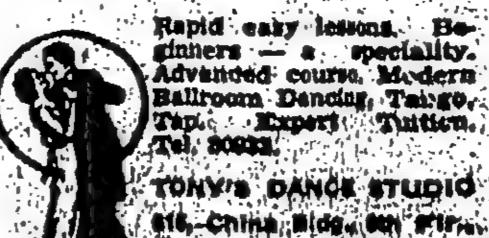
No reply was given. ***Prince von Starhemberg was one of the early disciples of Hitler, and took part in the abortive beer-cellar putsch of Munich, Soon afterwards he and Hitler became estranged, and the prince formed his own Fascist-like Heimwehr in Austria. He fled from Austria before Hitler marched in, and announced that he had consecrated his life to wiping out Hitlerism and restoring the freedom of Austria.

SPITFIRE FUND

More and more property owners are giving to the national cause the sums awarded them as compensation for damage due to

forced landings by R.A.F. aircraft. In the Isle of Wight a bomber. came down in the grounds of a Preparatory School near Ryde, damaging the turi near the cricket pitch.

Mr. K. S. Mitcheson, the owner, has generously suggested that the sum awarded to cover the damage should be paid to the Spitfire Fund.

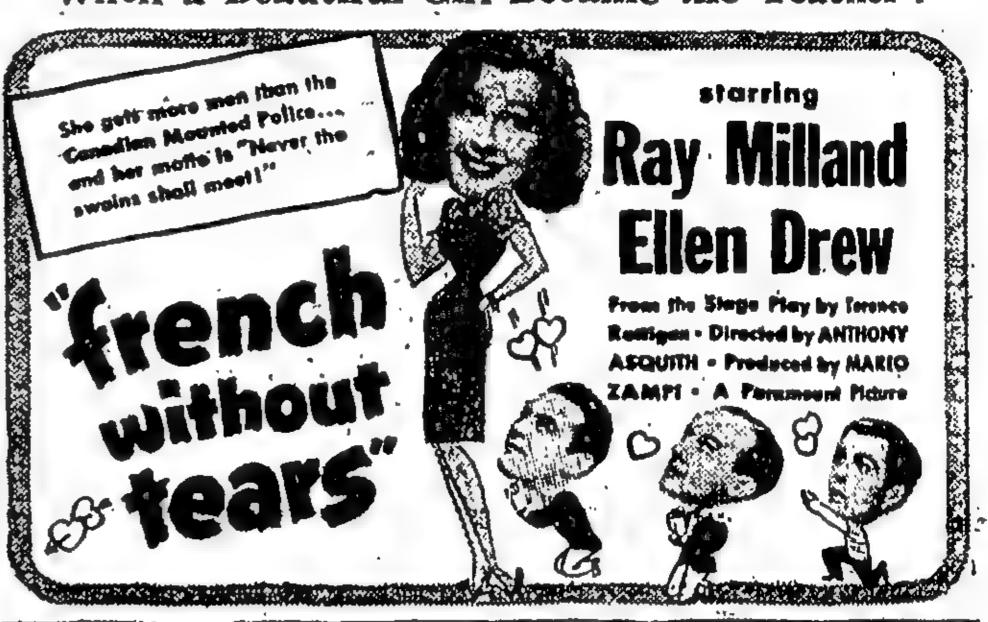


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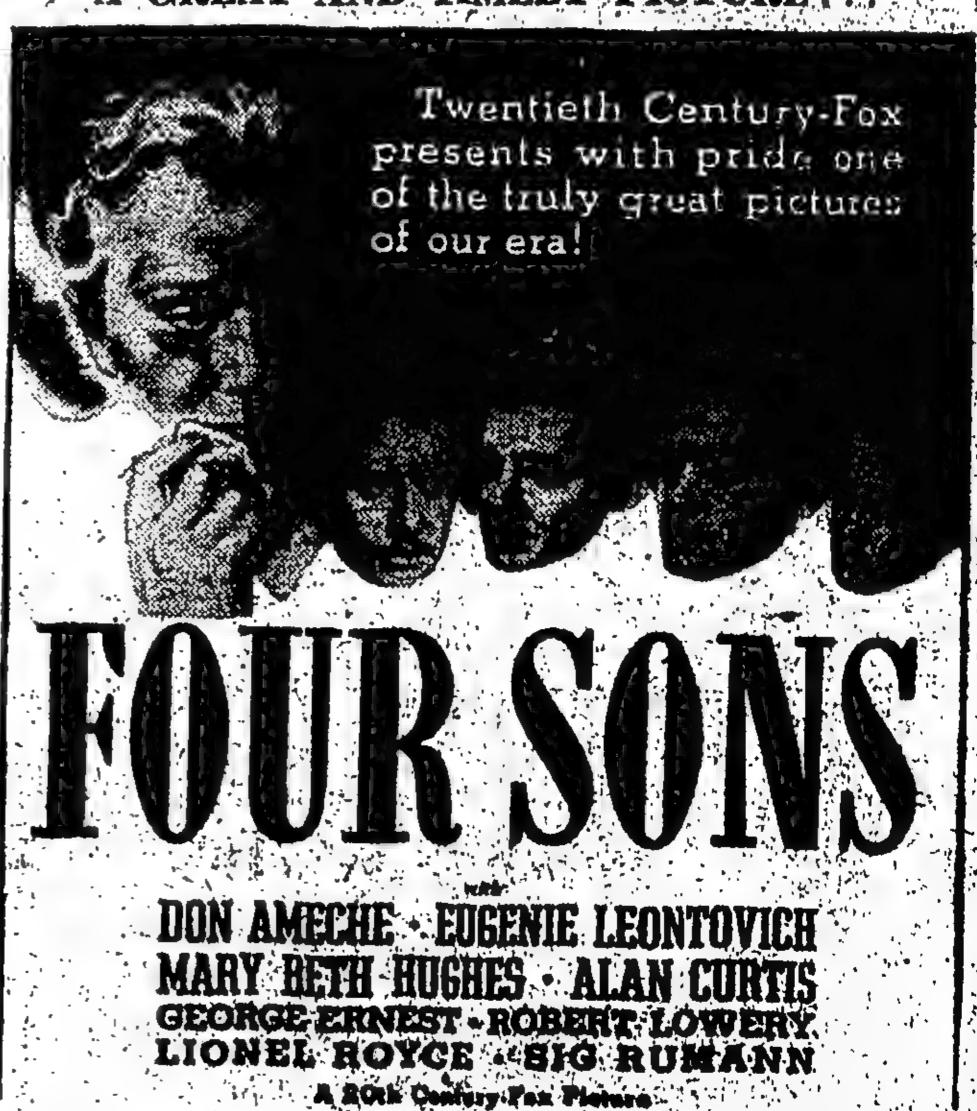


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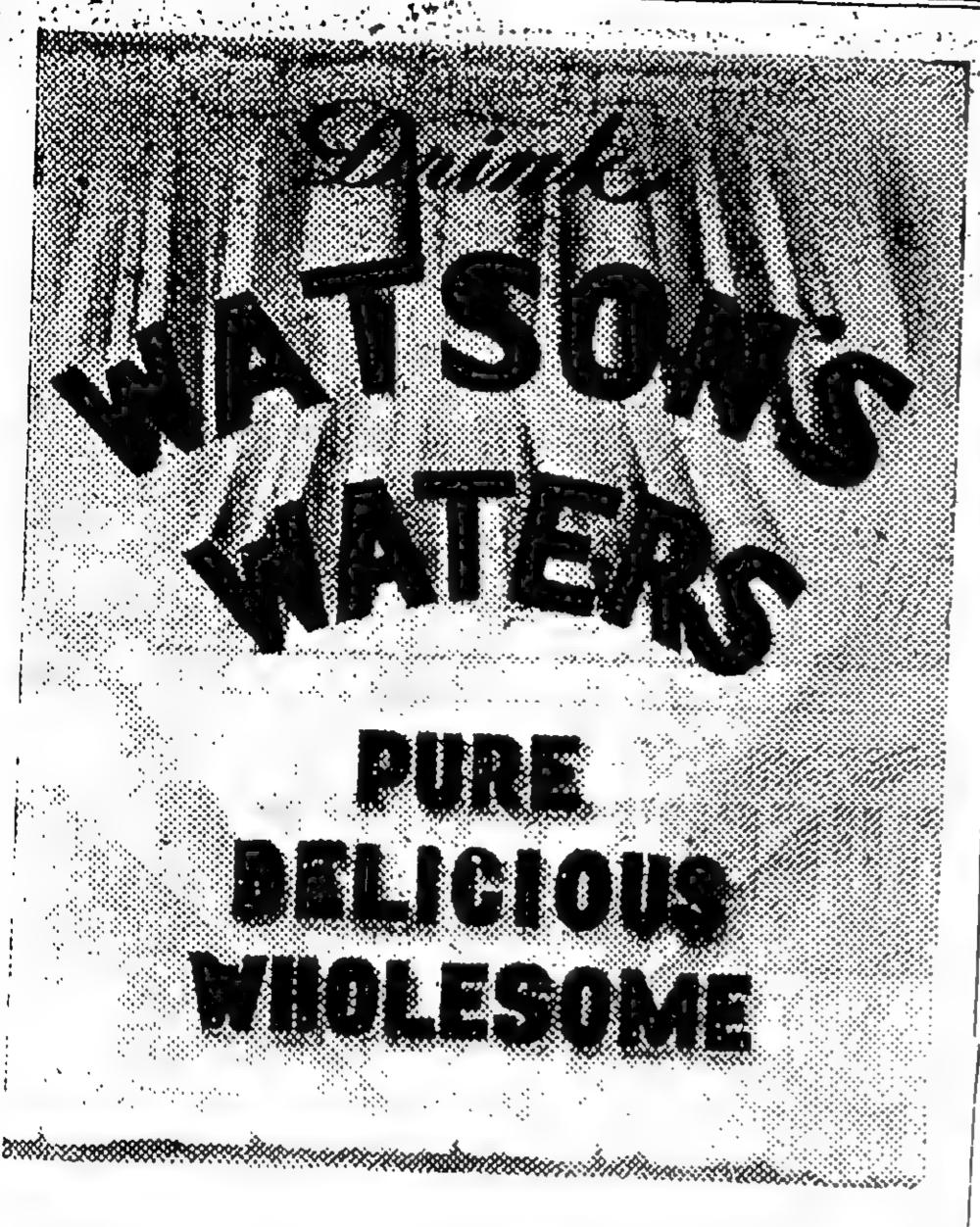
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Their Majestles the King and Queen recently visited Communal Centres in South Landon and chatted to people who are without gas and who go to the Central School and get meats for a few pence. Photo shows Their Majesties studying the menu at the Communal Centre. Copyright, Fox).

M.P.'SAMAZING OUTBURST COMMONS why we should cancel his permit? We are fighting for liberty of

liticians and his description of

Lord Halifax, the Foreign Secre-

himself to be a Christian-that

he belongs, to a creed which

attacks with such vituperation.

"Lord Gort is an easy target

because Wells knows that he can-

not answer as a serving soldler.

I can' imagine an eighteenth-

century atheist saying: 'Sir, these

are indecent words, nay, they are

French Sneers.

he need not worny, about it

worse; they are blackguardly.!!

might be the reason.

should not be."

MR. H. G. WELLS WAS DENOUNCED AS AN AGNOSTIC REPUBLICAN AND THEREFORE A BAD REPRESENTATIVE TO SEND TO THE UNIT-ED STATES WHEN LORD WINTERTON (CON., HORSHAM) ASKED IN PARLIAMENT WHY HE GOT AN EXIT PERMIT TO LECTURE THERE.

"For years Mr. Wells has been saying to the British public: 'You will always be fools and I will never be a gentleman,' and the people goodhumouredly acquiesced.

"It does not matter what he says for home consumption; what concerns me is granting such a man an exit permit in the certain knowledge that he will use all his publicity power to denigrate [blacken] his country abroad and, of all places, in the United States, where, in this hour of our greatest peril, we enjoy more sympathy for our unity and moral strength than ever before in our history.

"Wells has a peculiar and bitter | States his sneers at Labour poattitude towards what is after all the accepted faith of millions of tary, as "the quintessence of people in the world, and not the least in the United States.

"Avowed opponents of Christianity get short shrift from the hands of electors in the United. States. Yet we allow to go there, as representing Britain and British. all religion, who says there is no such thing, and that it is medieval superstition."

Lord Winterton repeated the "sins" of H. G. Wells as reported in his lectures in the United

expression. There is no half-way house. No M.P. has the right to preclude the expression of opinion of Mr. Wells or any one "Praying General"

Mr. Magnay. (Liberal-National, Gateshead) interjected that Wells had no right to sneer at Gort as a "praying general."

Mr. Shinwell: "But he is a praying general, just as you are a praying politician. We don't think the less of him for being so described."

Turning to Mr. Peake, the Home Office Under-Secretary () responsible for the grant of exit permits, Mr. Shinwell said: "You have a choice. Either you can leave Wells outr there along with Gracie Fields and-who is it ?" Mr. Shinwell hesitated-"Mark Antony?"

Some one said, "You mean Monty Banks."

Mr. Shinwell corrected himsalf, amid great laughter, and added: "And Noel Coward, and I believe there is an honqurable member of this House who finds Hollywood more salubrious than this House."

everything that an Englishman An M.P.: "You mean Hawail." "Either you can leave him there But what really hurt him was fulminating against praying gen-Wells's description of Lord Gort erals and incompetent politicians as "our praying general," "Why -there are incompetent politicians should he attack a man with such even. in London-or you can a brilliant record of gallantry and bring him home-" (Mr. Peake literature, a man who prides leadership as Lord Gort?" he shook his head)—"or put him in a concentration camp. That "Lord Gart's crime, in Wells's would please those who are not oyes is that he dares confess agnostics and not republicans.

"A War On"

Mr. Wells, in his declining years, "No, it won't wash," exclaimed Mr. Shinwell after this piece of rhetoric. "Let H. G. Wells talk and talk. Let the Noel Cowards coquette, and the Gracie Fields show their graces. Let them play. about as they care. We have a war on in this country, and we have to win it."

Mr. Peake said it would be fatal if the idea got about in the United It made one doubt, said Lord States that we would give per-Winterton, whether Mr. Wells is mits only to those whose views still in the full plenitude of his were favourable to the present mental powers. He hoped that British Government,

It must be left to the good sense A more sinister explanation of the American public to assess was his resemblance to French the value of Mr. Wells's views writers, who, before the collapse for themselves.

of France, specred at Christian "It is important for this coungenerals and at republicans, try that as many dollars as -Mr. Wells, like these French-men, professed his hatred of possible should be earned by British subjects," Mr. Peake Millorismo: But, Life Hitlor, had added: "They may carn those an enemy in the world whom dollars primarily for them. salven but the Treasury sees was H. G. Wells, said Lond that those dollars are glabed at Wintenton; because Wells was its disposal in exchange for

opinion in Parliament was The more eminent the personchampion in Mr. Shinwell (Soc. dollars which will eventually be seaham), who said 'her. Wells it the disposal of the Treasury our. Party. But so has Lord genden research in the debays.

Winteston. Is that any region That ended the debays.

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WOMEN AND THE

Nothing could demons- COMETHING closer than mere or wrongly looked upon as the ever, but practical problems of means and measures of two natrate more clearly the justice of the cause for which Britain is at war than the of Anglo-American relations. temper of the National Conference of Labour Women at Southport. Of 300 Implications of the need for codelegates from Labour or- of Great Britain and the United ganisations all over the States. As a result, there is a country only three dis- the underlying unity of interests sented from a resolution and mutual security of the two to the effect that the war find expression in more permanmust be prosecuted to a ent and far-reaching form of cosuccessful conclusion. No-trom some measure, at least, of beginning of the war whipped up America realised that her own body can suspect these union women of Imperialist pride or greed or doubt most significant undercurrents Carvin of "The Observer" wrote ters of security and defence led to that they know from in-stirred by war Relations between timate experience the ter-|unquestionably been hurled forrible cost of war in life. health, and happiness. Their support of British resistance to Hitler lends all the greater strength to their demand for vigilance and courage in dotry after another in the last months of 1918, spreading death more rapidly than war itself. The moral of that experience is-that social services are more necessary than ever in war, and the conference emphasised that truth. The president had an excellent sentence on the future: "An uneducated and underfed people could not build a better world. The whole weight of this body of knowledge, experience, and sympathy will be put behind the demand for a bold policy on education and nutrition. In our in-arranged society the children are, as Sir William Beveridge has said, the chief single cause of poverty, and of these children thousands go through life disabled in health and vitality by its burdens. If the gross inequalities of which the president spoke are to be removed that vicious circle must be broken.

THE BASER SIDE OF THINGS

It will be noticed that even those who nowadays make such free use of the term "ideology" never apply it in a good sense. You never hear anyone talk concerned with the absoabout the ideology of loving-kindness or common now means something to support them; it is only; altogether. Unfortunately the smash-and-grab raid it is one of those words and the system of oppres which exercise a fatal fasterm which was originally in ideologies.

Anglo Need American

thing closely approaching unionhas now appeared on the horizon

Both in London and Washington, serious consideration is being given for the first time to deeper ordinating National defence plans steadily growing conviction that English-speaking peoples must toperation traidly distinguishable world domination have since the Simultaneously, or nearly so,

This is the clima: that has lately been reached by one of the America and Great Britain have ward and upward by the course of to unite Britain and America. recent world events.

Effect Of Election

to favour and further this trend. In Britain Mr. Roosevelt is rightly

occasional cooperation-some- greatest possible exponent of ever defence-a very realistic and imcloser and more active coopera- mediate mutual danger and need tion between the American and of meeting it—that has given the British peoples.

> Naziism and Fascism with their Anglo-American cooperation. ever-expanding ambifions of

By Mallory Browne

the normally sluggish stream of security depended on aiding Bri-! Anglo-American relations into a tain. This mutual awakening to rushing to rent. A: Mr. J. L. I their interdependence in the matrecently, history will probably re- the formation of the Americancord the ironical fact that Adolf Canadian Joint Defence Board Hitler's greatest achievement was

Actually, of course, Herr Hiller and war have not achieved this end. They have only unwillingly and unwittingly helped precipitate Royal Navy. Outcome of the American Pre- a trend that has long been insidential election appears likely herent in the basic unity of origin and ideals of two countries.

recent fresh impulse to the pre-In any case, there is no doubt sent tendency toward far-reaching

England's Realisation

England realised with a rude folt last summer that collapse of France meant Britain would be left alone against a whole continent under tötalitarjan terror; and that this meant victory would be possible only with the full assistance of the United States. and thence to agreement whereby the United States obtained muchi needed naval bases on British territory in the return for 50 overage destroyers equally needed by the

These two pacts, however, vita and historic innovations as they were, are but main outward sign: of a co-ordination of defence

tions that goes far beyond what is or can be publicly known in detail at this stage, Production of 'planes, design and manufacture of tanks, artillery, munitions, etc., are being standardised in both countries to a startling extent. This implies a degree of unity between the two Governments , and military, naval, air staffs that cannot fail to have far-reaching, profound effects in diplomatic political fields. The same applies to economic financial matters under

Peace Also Considered

present total war conditions.

Nevertheless, it is at least as much for peace and reconstruction as for war, that Britain is looking toward America. We have been repeatedly impressed by the number and calibre of British people who to-day envision postwar reconstruction as essentially a joint Cabinet Anglo-American task. Ministers, labour leaders, military and naval chiefs have expressed privately-and more cautiously in public statements as well-their deep conviction that only if Britain and the United States get together, not merely intermittently upon occasion, but lastingly upon a far-seeing basis, is there any real hope of avoiding repetition of tragic errors of the past 20 years." Japan in the Far East, as well as Germany in Europe, constitute problems which can only be solved permanently on the basis of justice for all if Britain and America are able to unite in preserving. peace as well as aiding administ

It is to the late Lord Lothian that much of the credit for progress in Anglo-American understanding must go, and this is being increasingly acknowledged in London. His success in replacing previous distrusts and coldness by confidas now. Since 1932 the amount ence and good will has won recognition on both sides of the Atlantic as an outstanding diplomatic achievement of democracyfitting reply to "force-diplomacy" of totalitarian dictatorships.

Relations in Transition

Despite this undoubted progress, Most of the officers have been however, it is vital to realise that trained in Japan, and Japan also relations between the United built 85 per cent. of the small, States and Britain are emphaticbut modern, fleet, which now in- ally in a state of transition. One cludes a destroyer, four sub- has only to recall the friction that. marines, and 18 torpedo-boats. flared up over the British opening Eighty-five per cent. also of the of American mails less than a year; officers in Thailand's navy were ago to appreciate this point. -frained in Japan, and the extent Events have moved fast and far to which Japan has influenced the since then, but Anglo-American coustry's new military power is cooperation still is in a state of

> Much depends now on whether, the United States enters the war; and if so how soon. It would be dangerous to close our eyes to the plain fact that America's role in rebuilding peace must inevitably depend in great part on the role it plays in war. If that role were to be limited to "cash and carry". aid to Britain-aid deeply appreshould not be forgotten-it is in America could hardly expect to have much say about the peacesettlement that would follow.

One of Many Questions

Fortunately for the future of trality. But to-day: Japanese pow- Anglo-American unity, there is evidence that this important fact is being frankly faced. This is only one of countless thorny questiand anxious to take advantage of tions and difficulties that must be the new situation, the Shimese are rolved before union-even a very apparently willing to assist the modest partial measure of union growth of Japanese power in the -between Britain and America

thoughtain both countries is to-

It is not abstract idealism, howmestic policy. During the last war evils were bred which ravaged one coun-

(By A Special Correspondent)

kok in 1939 discarded the name forms and the modernisation of vices, Experienced Japanese publi-Siam for the more ancient and her agriculture, industry, and in- cists have been sent to Thailand honourable title of Muang Thai- stitutions. Land of the Free—it convinced ha one, except perhaps the Siamese themselves, that Thailand had not won and still retained her inde- ed by her neighbours, particularly pendence by the grace of her more Britain and Japan, and received powerful neighbours.

European States. Her claims to ship. territory outside her present borders are based, like those of Gerof Siamese minorities in the disflie provinces of Yunnan and Szechwan in China, and she claims that within these areas are Siamese-speaking minorities totalling 14.000,000--or more than Thaifand's present population,

These ambitions have been encouraged by Japan, who, under the cleak of aiding Thailand's national aspirations, has steadily directed Siamese policy for her own advantage. It was Japanese influence which caused Thailand to embarrass the Chinese Government at a critical stage of the Sino-Japanese war, and the same irrfluence is responsible for Thailend's present pressure on French Indo-China.

In very similar circumstances her demands on Czecho-Slovakia, and aided Slovakia against the Czechs. Far Eastern observers have not failed to draw the comparison, and to point out the danger to Thailand's independence should she eventually stand in the way of a too-powerful Japan.

Japanese Infiltration

century with her ancient border have been designed, apparently, true there is true in other Eastern and in the second place it is cerquarrels apparently ended, and to full Thailand's neighbours into countries, though not to the same tain that even if Britain-finally

lute value of pure ideas sense or right and justice. which is poisonous or con-All the decencies of exist- temptible. It would be ence have been able to get rather a good thing if along very comfortably such a remarkable examwithout any ideologies in | ple of debased verbal curthe largon sense of to-day rency could be dropped sion which call for that cination over victims of particular verbal buttress. the jargon complex. They, And so we reach the curi- at any rate, become only ous conclusion that a too easily wrapped up

This manifestation of Thailand's new-found nationalism was aidimpetus after the bloodless political and social revolution of 1932, Thailand's present position which was followed by the foundorninously resembles that of some ing of a virtual military dictator-

The Japanese, in aiding Thaimany, on ancient boundaries won land, have entrenched themselves by conquest and on the presence in the country's life. Practically every Government department, puted areas. Her ambition is to the army, the majority embrace Cambodia, Tonkin, the of the ranks, and nearly all com-Shon States of Burma, and even mercial firms have Japanese advisers. Japan now occupies the same commanding influence in Thailand that Germany has won in Slovakia.

> Japan has played cleverly off the enthusiastic nationalism of the Siamese. She has never lost an opportunity of recalling that Cambodia was "seized" by the French, or to insist that for 50 years Thatland's industrial and financial activities have been dominated by Great Britain and China; and Tokyo still maintains that Britain has attempted to mould Siamese foreign policy.

Thailand has apparently failed to realise Japan's ulterior aims, selfishness, or to observe that every branch of Siamese life is Germany encouraged Poland in now so impregnated with Japanese influence that the Bangkok Government is rapidly losing the very independence of thought and action which it imagines Japan is assisting Thailand to gain.

The reports which have circulated from time to time of rifts | der as the result of a growth of clated but dearly bought, too, it in the relations between Thailand | nationalism among a backward and Japan have invariably originated in Tokyo. In every dase Thailand entered the twentieth the reports have proved false, and success in Thailand, and what is in framing peace except Germany; she turned with great enthusiasm a false, estimate of Japan's in- extent. Nowhere has Japan ex- won with only commercial assist fluence in the strategically imports pended so much effort with such ance from the United States, ant little kingdom.

"The New Order"

The beginning of Japan's relations with Thailand dates back to 1614, and despite the rise of Bris tish influence, to-day Japan plays' a commanding part in Thailand's internal and foreign affairs. Thatland was one nation which refused to vote; against Japan when the Lengue of Nations confidenced the campaign against Manchukuo.

Slamese nationalism has been themselves becoming subservient changing the course and shape of to an ally whom they helped to . Nevertheless, the current of Phailand, the Japanese have power stranged the new trend of thought should want elitiation trise Bri-day flowing strongly — more among a careless, cardiree, but tain's interests, as well as those of atrongly than ever before in his vain and intensely patrictle peo Thailand, will be endangered; for tory—'n that direction, and this ple to their own advantage fat the male of the ball of their own advantage fat the most encouraging aspects dipan has increased her trade with Burms, gateways to Australia and the most encouraging aspects dip Thatland, and linked surrough but Indianor world in warnition

When the Government at Bang-1 to the promotion of internal te- | those in Siam by fast steamer serto explain "the New Order in East

> Japan, in short, has "got in on the ground floor" of Siamese nationalism, and her agents have won to key positions throughout the country.

Under a military dictatorship herself; Thailand has fooked to Germany and Japan for inspiration in her programme of nationalism. Not since 1917, when she declared war on Germany, has she stressed national défence so much spent on defence each year has more than doubled, and now accounts for more than half the national income. Conscription has been introduced, and the army has 1,500 foreign-trained officers, and more than 10 000 non-conmissioned officers.

shown by the fact that some com- flux. mands are given in the Japanese language.

A similar rejuvenation has taken place in the air force, which has grown from five 'planes, in 1935. to more than 150 front-line American fighting 'planes to-day

Running A Risk

Discontent with the present orpeople has been fostered by Japan | the first place doubtful whether for her own ends with conspicuous, any country would have any say success as among the Siamese.

Efforts by Britain and France to check Thailand's tendency to become a puppet State taking orders from Tokyo have met with some success. They won from Bangkok in 1939 at least a promise of neuer in Eastern waters and Llong Thalland's borders is in the ascendancy. Encouraged by Japan During the last eight years when For East and run the risk of becomes practical.

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This, the Duke of Devonshire told the House of Lords, seemed incredible, but to simple-minded people, as in the Near East, where it was disseminated, it did gain a certain amount of credence, and special steps were taken to deal with it.

The Government dld not propose to depart from the present method of combating Nazi liesspecial department of the Ministry of Information.

By A Special Correspondent TWO BIG BOMBS crashed in a London street. This is what happened: Two people were sheltering in a disused water tank standing inside a building which received a direct hit.

The tank was blown into the air. It came down on top of the wrecked building. The two people were still inside it — and very much alive.

pounder — landed opposite a wardens to them. building in which Old Bill is night watchman.

Bill, his spell of duty over, was asleep when the explosion wrecked the front of the building and shattered every piece of glass around him.

When anxious wardens rived to rescue Bill he told them to go away. "No Hitler or anybody eise is going to spoil my sleep," he said. And turned over in his bed of broken glass and debris.

Girls' Bravery

In a house which was almost levelled to the ground three young girls were buried by debris. They were dressed only in thin night clothes and lay between a heavy

The other bomb—a thousand pile of bricks and dust directing

"They were extremely brave," said a warden who helped to rescue them. "They kept calling out 'A little to the left' or 'A little to the right' until we reached them.

"All they asked for when we got them out was a cup of tea."

Baby's Escape

With a doctor standing by with oxygen, A.R.P. wardens worked desperately in darkness for threequarters of an hour to dig out a three-month-old baby from the wreckage of a house in a London suburb.

They reached the baby-and found it unhurt.

Over the child rafters had formed a protective barrier which took the weight of tons of crashing debris.

The other occupants of this ouse were unhurt.

Blind Folk Bombed

Seventy blind men and women in an institution at a South-West town were being led back from their shelters when one bomb hit a shelter and another the bedrooms to which they were being taken.

Only two men were injured, both by flying glass.

"There was no panic," the matron told a reporter: "Some of the men were thrown on the floor, but they picked themselves up, and the attendants and myself led them to another shelter that had not been touched.

"I could not find an old man, but just as we were going to the shelter he came along the corridor saying: 'It is all right, matron. I have got my gas-mask and overcoat."

RAGGED BODY OF RAIDERS

By A Special Correspondent

The first bombing squadrons came over Dover high during the morning, taking advantage of huge cloud-banks, which roofed the Channel, and which, except for a large blue gap over the Dover area, stretched for miles inland.

'A.A.' fire met them and torced them to change course into a lane, at the end of which our fighters awaited them farther inland. Barely had the noise of their engines died away than it began to swell up again, as many, at least, of the bombers started coming back coastwards.

Soon in a great open blue patch of sky they came swarming back in a ragged body of about 50. Spitfires tackled them, split them up further, and dispersed the mob of bombers east; and west; along the coast.

Terrific Dog-Fight

A terrific dog-fight followed. A burst of cannon fire, succeeded quickly by a whip-like crack and crackle of machine-gum fire out of sight in a black, rain-charged cloud, and a Messerschmidt dived down from over the sea a few hundred feet above the chiff-top where I stood

As I watched a tiny flame broke out at his twil. The plane turned over. The pilot working desparately, righted it name temporarily and tried to pancake.

But he was two late and the Mosserschmidt struck the earth Hidden in a bookt of purgent black amoke and lurid flame. The pilot had no time to balk out.

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saw that everyone's mask fitted

"Here, Son," Les called

for you. distribution of earplugs.

there." And he will.

"Right," replied Joe "I'll be

properly."

(An armless, unpaid volunteer warden goes to it for eighteen hours a day in Britain's front_line. A Special Correspondent who spent a night on duty with him tells how this great-hearted little man does his bit for his country).

Joe is armless. He was born that way. He does everything with his feet, answering the 'phone, keeping the log, putting his tin hat on, stopping buses when there is danger, testing gas masks. And he wants to be a roof spotter!

Joe, as his neighbours call him, is Horace Lineham, aged thirty-one, of Stone, Dartford, Kent. To the boys of the Welsh Tavern A.R.P. post he is Son. He was opening the post when I met him. Out of the shoe came his left foot, neatly lifting the key from his breast pocket. In a flash he had the door open and the light switched on.

I challenged him to 201 up at t darts. With his left foot he flicked the first dart into double top to open the game.

Then the banshee wailed That left foot went into action, whipping on tin hat, whisking out whistic.

into the street he ran, blow. wing the alert. Then back he came to mark the log.

"Hello, Son," said the boys as they hurned in, "You're here first again!"

The floor is Joe's desk. On the book which lay there he ticked off the squad's names as they arrived for the 191st raid--among them Les Couchman and his wife Mary; Taffy Young, an aircraftman on leave, Dick Fisher and Frank Lusher, landlord of the tavern next door.

The 'phone rang. Joe picked it up fixed it in a gadget in the wall and dictated a message.

18-Hour Day

"I've been a warden for nearly a year," Joe told me, "I volunteered on October 28 last year. I'm unpaid.

"I'm no good to the Army. But I can do anything at A.R.P. that other people can do.

"I'm registered as a part-time worker. Most days I put in eighteen hours. I live just round the corner.

Joe isn't scared of anything Jerry cares to send-and he has only one complaint.

"The boys want me to do all the inside work," he sald. "But I want to be outside—in the front line."

When things get too hot, Joe warns the bus drivers to stop. They take his advice. He shepherds the elderly and children to shelter.

He'll Be There

Joe had eighteen months' touring in a show, performing with his feet tricks many men cannot do with their hands. The war killed that. Now he has no job except A.R.P. And that is unpaid. He lives with his parents.

BOMBER DROME'S TWO V.C.'S

Hampden Bomber aerodrome Somewhere - in - England now boasts of having two V.C.s stationed there, though they are not in the same squadron.

The two heroes are Sergeant John Happah, who was awarded the V.C. for most conspicuous bravery, and Flight-Lieutenant Learoyd, who received the V.C. for his part in the attack on the Dortmund-Ems Canal.

The bomber squadron to which Sergeant Hannah belongs was formed in Scotland in 1917, and a few months later it began operations in France. In one operation in the last war six pilots carried out, a dangerous mission, and each of them receiv-

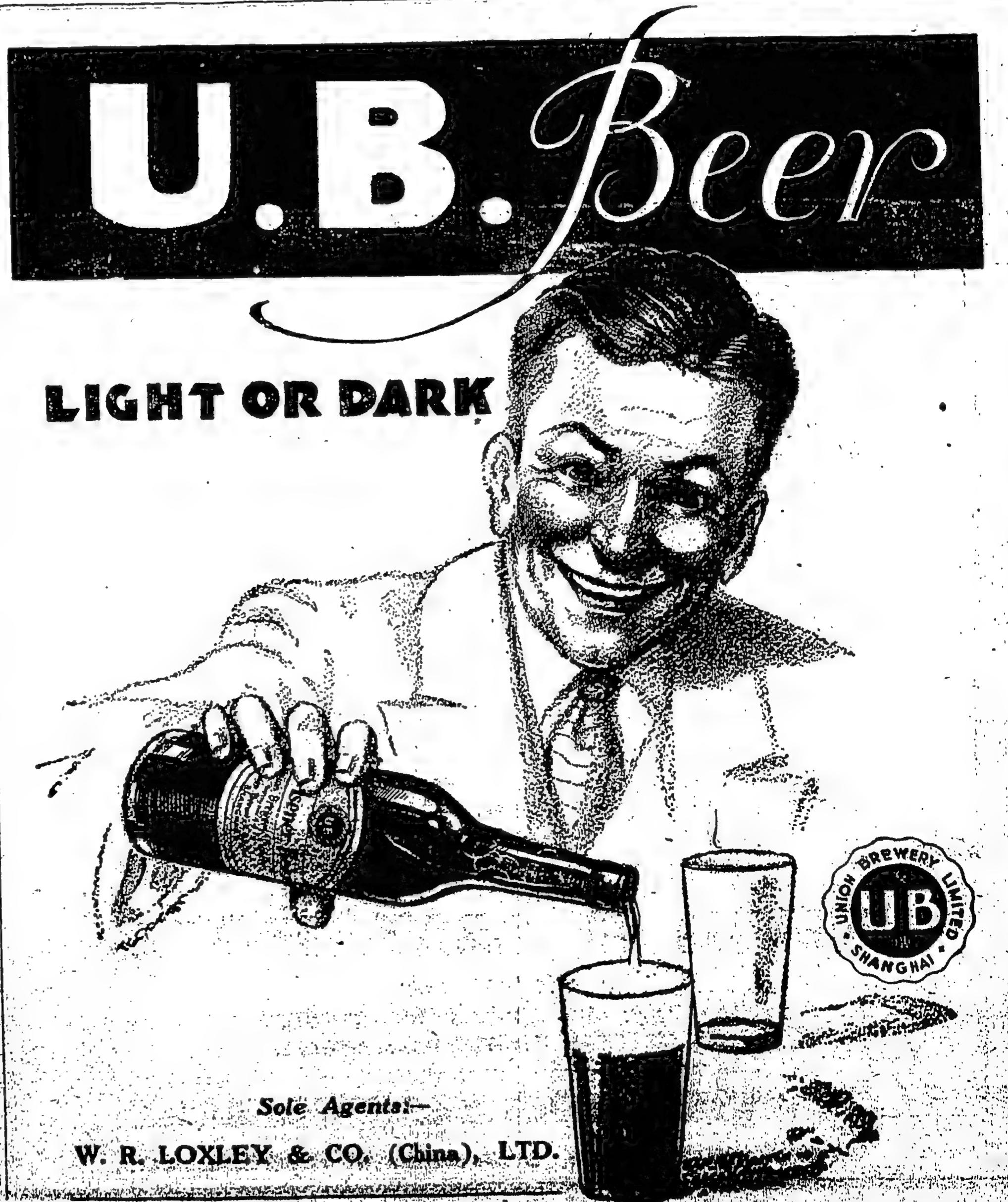
In the present war, the squadron has lived up to its reputation, and before Sergeant Hanmah's act of bravery, it had barned one D.S.O. thirteen D.F.C.s and dve D.F.M.stattage

ASKS "HOW LONG?"

The Berlin correspondent of the "Hufvudstadsblad" reports that Berliners are becoming resigned to a second winter of war, and are only asking whether decisive military action may be expected next year and whether the R.A.F. intends to continue, and for how long, flying over and bombing Germany.

The Berlin Press is trying to console the population of the capital by claiming that the authorities are going to use the win-Joe smiled - and got on with his ter to consolidate the positions acquired in foreign territory and a by stressing the people's ability minute later. "I've got a new job to sustain the coming winter's rigours with the same courage as was displayed last winter.





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three tables and the bidding difficulty should have convinced the three Declarers that they could earn a good score without making overtricks,

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But two of them fell by the wayside. In each case West opened the hearts, and South ruffed the second round. But one Declarer made the mistake of drawing three rounds of trumps. West got in with the club Queen to lead another heart, punching out dummy's last trump, and then West still had two established hearts to take when he regained the lead with the club King.

The second Declarer drew only the Ace and Queen of trumps, properly enough, but then led a diamond to dummy's King to take the club finesse. West won with the Queen of clubs and returned the Queen of diamonds. Then nothing could stop West from making a diamond trick as well as the inevitable heart and two

West to win, but now no defence no-trump. could defeat South. A heart retricks; and a diamond return by West would be taken by dummy, trump. and East's last trump would be drawn. Then another club would be conceded, and South get the

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Pass

Score 100 per cent, for three turn would give South eleven clubs, 40 per cent, for two notrump, 10 per cent, for three no-

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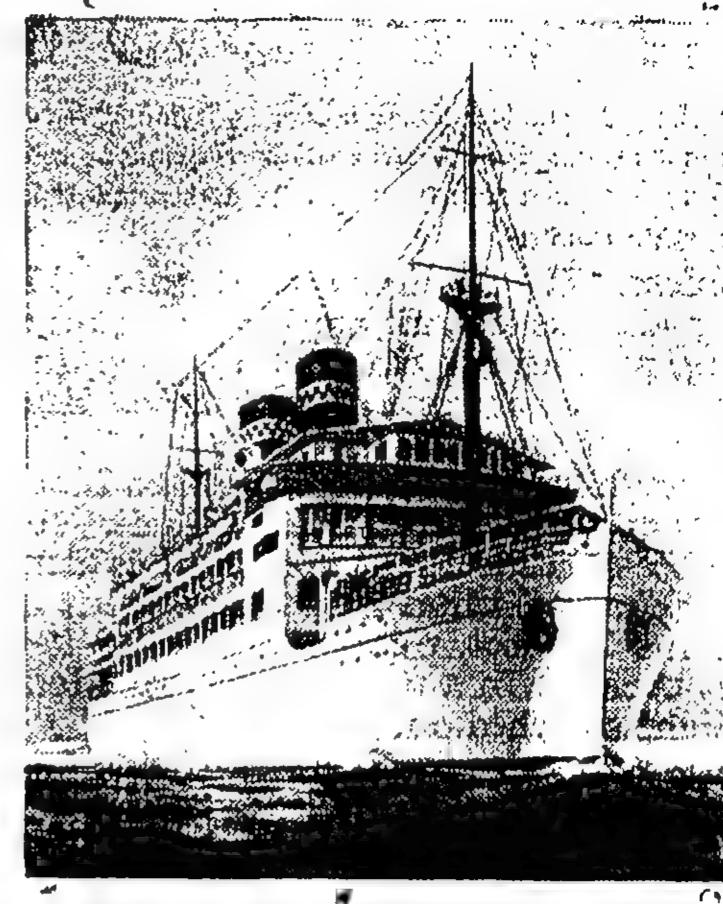
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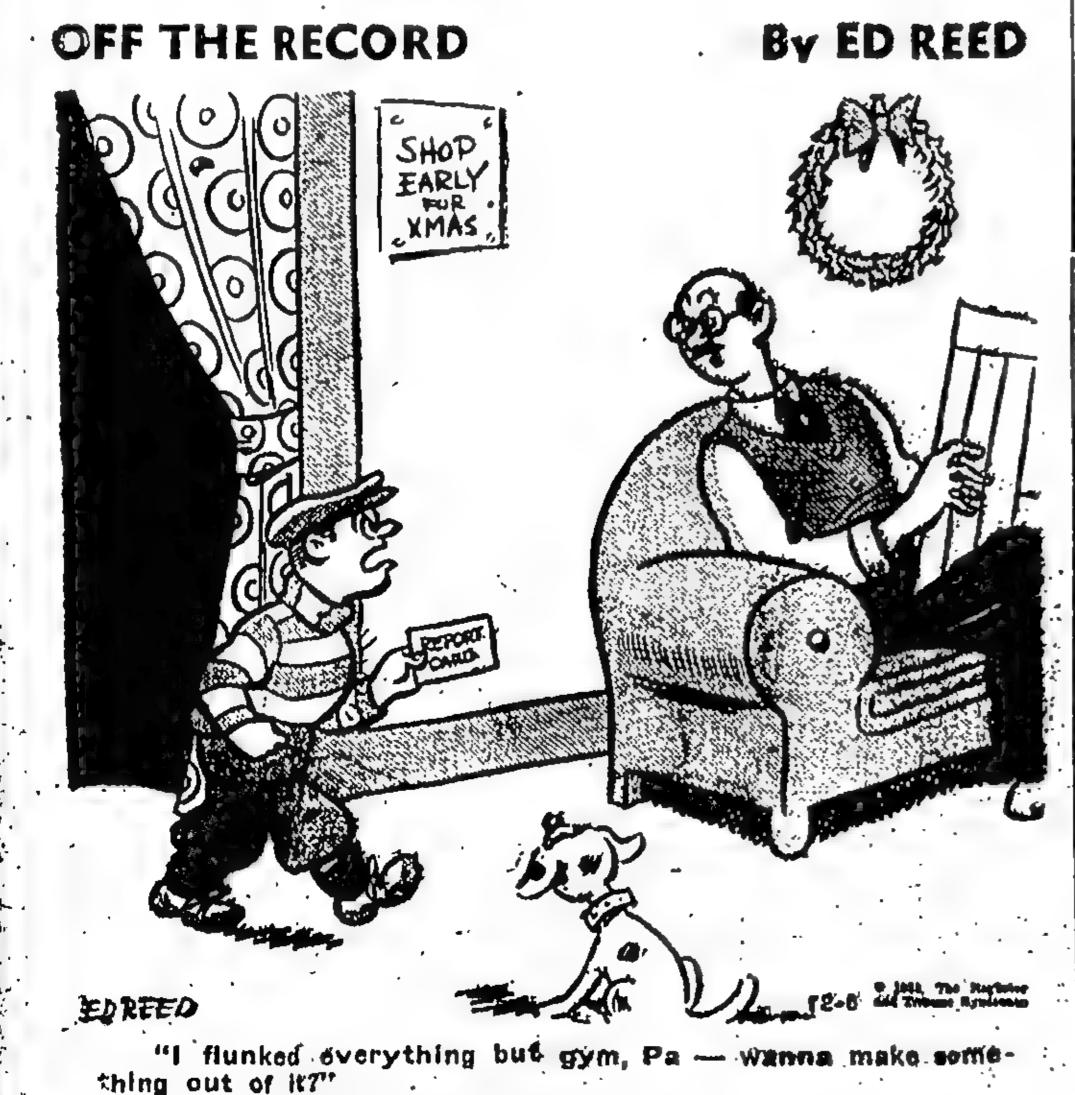
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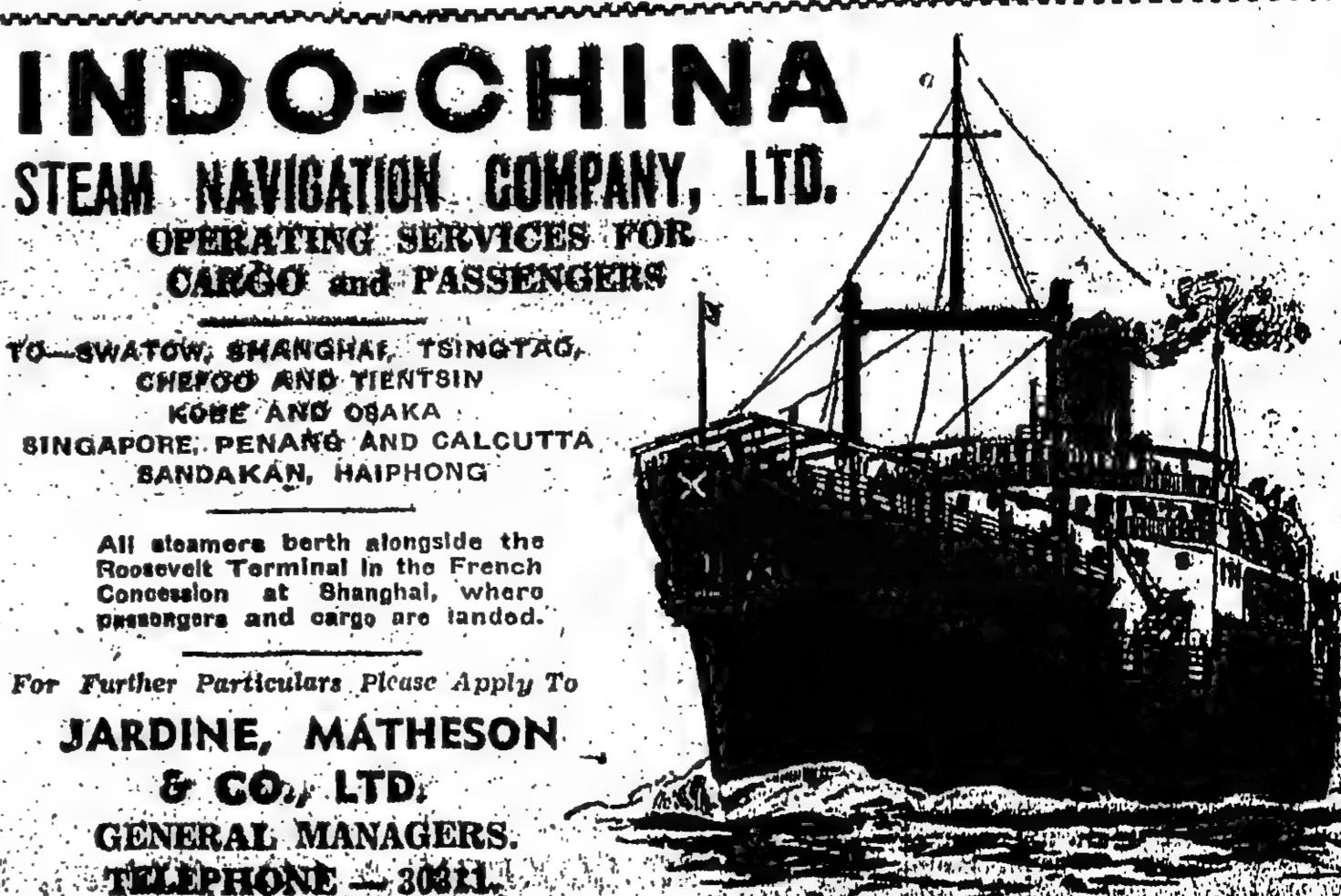
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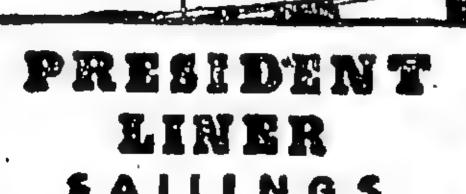
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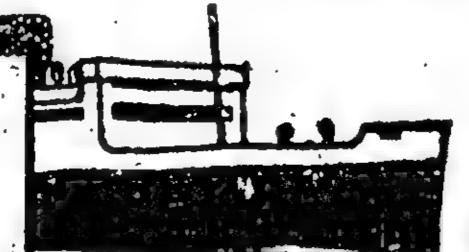
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Anderson Carries Bat For 117

1. T Ride, 1b w., b Bateman

Total (for 6 wkts | dec)

M D Booker, D. O Parsons and K.

Bowling Analysis

ROYAL SCOTS-IST INNINGS

D. McLellan, not out

Extras (B5, LB3)

M Baxter did not bal

EMajor Godley, b Mcbellan.

Capt Duke, b McLellier

Lt. Ford, 15 w., b. McLellan.

(Spt. Taylor, c Ride, b Booker

Pic Peacock, not out

Extras (Bl3, WB1)

Total

Li. Ford, l.b w., b Ride

Extras (B13)

Anderson . .

117 Perry

32 At.well

10 Mackay

Total (for B wkts)

Bowling Analysis

Pie Batemin 51 Zoomero b

Ple Newsom, st Zimmern b Booker

Bowling Analysis

ROYAL SCOTS -2ND INNINGS

Col. Alsey, b Baster

Alsey

Bateman

Griffiths Scores 45 Hong CHOY in 17 Minutes | LEE DO WELL

By "Adrem"

A STRONG VOLUNTEER cricket team yesterday scored a big win over Royal Scots in a wholeday match at Sookunpoo, proving greatly superior in batting and bowling.

Feature of the match was the A Zimmein, b Alsev R H Griffiths, e Duke, b Bateman bright batting of the Volunteers. Anderson and Mackay put on 88, for the first wicket in 50 minutes, Mackay claiming 49, and Anderson and Attwell added 67 for the second wicket, of which Attwell's share was a hard-hit 32

The brightest batting of the day was seen, however, on the advent of Griffiths, who hit bril liantly all round the wicket for 45 runs scored in only 17 mumutes.

Anderson batted with enter inise throughout the maine and scored 117 not out. He but four , Mackay eight, Attwell have and Griffiths eight

Bateman was early the best's McLellan Scots' bester although his analysis, Capt Paterson e Baster b McLellan. does not make impressive reading [11] Fareus Thw. b Parsons Special mention must be made | Sgt Deveroux, b Perry of the fine catch taken by Major Godley to dismiss "Perry The CIMI Service player bit a balf [Xolley with tremendous force to mid-off where Godley held the chance about a joot off the ground.

Godley also batted very well for the soldiers, playing some crisp strokes and shaping very confidently After he had scored 32, [Perry however, he played a ball on to Booker his pads and thence on to the wicket. Fargus appeared likely Capt. Duke, st. Zimmern, b Perry to get runs but was l.b.w. to Pie. Bateman, b Ride . . . Cpl. Alsey, c Griffiths, b Ride Parsons when nine.

McLellan bowled much too well Lt Fargus, c Booker, b Mackay for Scots and took 5 for 13 in Sgt Deveroux, c Perry, b Mackay four overs, while Parsons also put Pte Peacock, l.b.w., b Mackay ... down some good balls although he Pte. Newsom, c Anderson, b Attwell

In an effortato force an innings win. Sco's were put in again but time was called when they were

VOLUNTEERS

		VOLUNIERIO
N.	Α	E Mackay, b Bateman
D.	J.	N Anderson, not out
K,	J	Attwell, b Fargus
Λ	E.	Perry, c Godley, b Fargus

Fine-bowling by H! F: Lice was insufficient to give Engineers victory over Medicals "A" An an inter-Faculty match at Poksulum yesterday, and the result was a

Lee took 5 for 29 but Medicals still had three wickets in hand Rugby 16 | when stumps were drawn.

the Engineers.
ENGINEERS
H. F. Lee, b. Gupta
K. S. Lien, l.b.w., b Mahmood
G Hong Choy, b Amplayanar
H. F. Ho, b Gupta 🚶
j F. Kwai, je Amplavanar, bij
Gupta
F T Lam, b Gupta
H. Singh, I. Mahmood Janes
B. Henhim, b. Amplavanar
F S Tse run out . France

1 Y. W. Yeung, not out . . .

Sen Gupta

H. F. Lee

И. F. **Н**э

V. Vorsvieff, b. Mahmood

Extras (B34) Total Bowling Analysis 9! Ampalayanar ... 7 🤼 Mahmood N. S. Chin

MEDICALS "A" J. Fenton, Lb w., b Loc Sen Gupta, Lb.w., b Hong T. T. Chin, b Hong Choy S. Mahmood, c. Lam, b. Lee. N. S. Chin, Lb.w., b Lee

K. S. Oh, c and b Lee K. S. Ooi, not out S. Amblayanar, b Lee. T B. Teoh, not out . . . Extras (B13)

Total (for 7 wkts.) 196 K. S. Khoo and T. T. Tech did not bat. Bowling Analysis 0 = 52Hong Choy . . . 10

CAPTAIN PLAYED IN

Before a large crowd of members and an even larger crowd of caddiesrickshaw coolie variety and others-A. K. Mackenzie played himself in at Fanling yesterday as Captain of Royal Hong Kong Golf Club.

Caddles in swarms, in numbers estimated at between 150 and 200 crowded the course in quest the captain's first ball and the coveted dollar that went with i Mackenzie hit a 200 yard drive down the fairway, the ball being triumphantly retrieved by a rickshaw coolie caddle, who brought back the bacon and took away dollar!

Owing to indisposition His Excollancy the Acting Governor was unable to be present

Golf Club at Fanling yesterday.

Groves had a Lying start and

Football

30th R.A. at Stanley was the only unexpected football result on. Saturday. South China and En-Division, both won easily.

Signals are still hower the heel! of Air Force for Third Division honours and en Saturday accounted and registered a fine century. ed for International, only team yet to best Air Force,

Pirst Division results were as expected though the game between Navy and Middlesex was keenly contested.

Hong Choy was in great form NAVY won the itrst Quadranguwith the bat and scored 52 for " lar Rughy Tournament by beating Army by 11 points to bill on Club ground after helding a six point lead at the interval.

Bowls

KOWLCON Boxeling Green C.ub held its Closing Day on Saturo'day, when prizes won during the inseason were presented by Sir 6 Athell MacGregor, acting Prese 34 dent of the Lawn Bow's Associa-I tion, who also took part in the 137 day's match.

Over 20 rinks took part in a we match between the Club and the 2 Association The Club's teams 3 which included players from other o tclubs, lost by 31 shoes.

A LTHOUGH scoring was high in Satutday's cricket programme some good bowling feats were registered vest being Macauley's 8 invers, leading teams in Second for 20 for D.B.S. against - Civil

H. Owen Hughes had the best barung pertormance of the day

BATTING

Leading Leats were:-

H. Owers Hughes		. 493
D. J. N. Anderson		79.
A. J. Huise	,	. 77
T. Stimson		
C. W. Lam		
A. H. Madar		
', N. Matthews (
A. R. Suffied		
H. A. Barros		. 56
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T. A. Pearce		. 54
g. Goodwin		, 53
B. M. N. da Silva'		
T. G. C. Knight		. 31
F. Baker		
Spr. Bailey		46
D. Hung		45
L. Jernakoff		. 3 9
J. M. Gosano	4	. 34
J. Burrow		. 33
A. B. Hamson		. 33
G. Stone		32
A. R. Minu BOWLING		31
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W. Macauley		for 20
		for 49
E. Hawkins	6	for 44
		for 24
		for 42
Ingleby U. H. Esmail		for 38
U. H. Esmail		for 45
H. Danbrowsky		for 45
		for 46
'N Singh	4	for 82

ONERECORDSMASHED ATS. CHINA SPORTS

By "Sportshawk"

THE COLONY record for the 10,000 metres flat race was smashed by Lee Yuk-foon when he returned 38 minutes and 7 seconds to better the old mark held by Yeung Wah-sang's of 39 minutes and 31.6 seconds at Caroline Hill yesterday in the open event of the 18th Annual Athletic Meeting held by the South China Athletic Association.

The times and distances as well as heights in all other track or field events were on the low side, and Lee Yuk-foon, who is a newcomer to the Colony, from: Kwangtung: Province, and who recently won the first marathon race sponsored by Hong Kong and Kowloon Residents' Union, deserves full marks for returning such an excellent time."

Lee led all the way to win the race comfortably by about threequarters of a lap from Signalman Lewis of Royal Corps of Signals. Private Manson, of Royal Scots, Men's 1,600 Metres Relay (Team of who was one of the favourites for this race, faded out poorly and rounds

Fong Chi-hung, formerly of Wah Yan College, better known as a high-jumper, easily won the Pole Vault event for Members a 9 feet and 3 inches to beat Chu no less than two inches.

Wr. Fok Po-chui distributed sec. the prizes to the winners.

-increased his advantage to four

Results

OPEN EVENTS 10,000 Metres;-l, Lee Yuk-foon; 2. Signalman Lewis and 3, Lam Kim-fan. Time: 38 min, 7 sec.

four):-1, South China Athletic Association: 2. Wah Yan College and 3, Ling Nam University. Time: 3 min. 58 sec. gave up after finishing only 18 Men's 400" Metres Relay (Team of four. Under five feet):-1, King's Col-

, lege and 2. Wah Yan College. Men's 400 Metres Relay (Team of four):-1, Ling Nam University; 2. South China Athletic Association and 3. Wan Yan College, Time: 48 sec.

Ladles' 400 Metres Relay (Team of Fock-sing, who was second, by four):-1. French Convent and 2, South China Athletic Association. Time: 58.8 MEMBERS' EVENTS

> 100 Metres:-1; Yu Kal-yan and 2, Sin Kwok-pun. Time: 12'sec. 400 Matres:-1, Cheung Chau; 2, Sin Kwok-pun and 3, Choung Kal-pul, Time: 110 Metres High Hurdies:--ly Wong

Groves Beats Rose Ki-lim; 2; Lui Kwal-chu and 3, Chu Fook-sing, Time: 19.2 sec. Throwing Javelin;-1, Tam Hol-chuen: 2. Chu Fonk-sing and 3. Tsang Kwanming. Distance: 80.08; metres.

Throwing Discust-1, Yu Kal-yan and 2. Chu Fookising. Distance: 24.50 metres, ·

Ship-Hop-Jump:-1, Wongo Ki-lim and. 2. Cheung. Tunghol. Distance: 10.84. High Jump:—1. Chan Chol-shun; 2.

Forg Chi-hung and J. Tsong Kwanming. Height: 1.64 metres. Pole Vault:-1, Fong Chi-hung! 2 Chu Fook-Bing and 6, Kwan Chu-pull Height:

Long Jumpy-1, Wong Killin; 2, Chu Fook-sing and 3, Tsang Kwan-ming. Distance : 5:98 imelres: 200 Matres:-I, Cheung Chau; 2, Sin Kwok-pun and 3; Lung Kai-ming, Time:

25.1 sec. 1,500 Metrest-1; Chan Chan-wat: 2. Laj Pun-yuan and 3, Lam Kim-tung. Timer & min & sec. 800 Metreni-1, Lai Pun-yuen: 2, Chan

2 min: 22.8 sec. 400 Matres Hurdiens-1: Laing Rent-Co. Home author may he said iffing; 2, Wong Shu-chuch and 3, Thatis Kwan-ming Time 1983. acc.

Chau-wal and 3. Lau Shum-chi. Time:



holes at the 26th bus Chi. Rose with as at the second and third and a 4 at the sixth was coour then retaliated to take the next four to square the match. up at that stage. Col. Rose hung Groves won Sandy's Pulpit and on grimly and had reduced the arrears to one by the 17th. He

In Reen Match

CONGRATULATIONS are due to Frank Groves

on winning the championship of Royal Hong Kong

(By A Special Correspondent)

then, winning the next in 6. Wand halving the 34th. in three, missed a short putt at the 18th. became dormy two. A half however and went into tiffin two the 35th, and the match was over. Although the standard was been Scoring was good Groves being low average, the play was keen 0 for 17 holes having picked up throughout as is indicated by the

STATE THE LAMBY SHE WASTERS

in the afternoon the standard close finish byer ad holesy 是 为时代 (他) (他) (他)

KWONG

By "Referee"

AFTER A PROMISING START, during which they more than held their own in the first 15 minutes, Kwong Wah fell away to such an extent in their First Division soccer game at Happy Valley yesterday that they were beaten by four clear goals by Sing Tao and only the bad shooting of the Sing Tao forwards prevented a bigger score.

Sing Tao took the lead 15 min-

Sing Tao were not at full strength, of wild shooting from good posibeing without the services | tions. of Kwok Ying-kee while Cheung Wing-choy played in goal for the ues from the start through Lai first time since his injury against Shui-wing when he beat Chung

It was only occasionally that Shortly after Tang Kwong-sum Kwong Wah forwards were seen increased the lead when he was Kwong Wah forwards were seen increased the lead when he was in any real attacking movements, sent through by Lai Shui-wing Soong Ling-sing, Lee Tin-sang; Tsui Ah-fai, was won by Allsa (Capt. W. A. Shek-kam played on the and had no difficulty from close Soong Ling-sing, Luk Tat-hang; Tang Ingram), with Widgeon (Manior other terwards found Lee Tingsang and Hau Yung-sang too good for them, Wong King-cheung, on the left wing, also played well for Kwong Wah,

Kwong Wah's defence could not cope with Sing Tao's attack Yeung Tse-chong worker hard at wine half but did not asset his forwards very much.

Soong Ling-sing was joutstanding in the Sing Tao desence, Occupying the pixetal position he kept his forwards well supplied with passes.

Slow Wing

Yeung Shui-yick and Ip Pakwith were slow on the left wing. The former was badly in need of practice while lp was not accurate with his passes. Fortunately for Sing Tao, both Fung King-cheong and Lai Shui-wing played up to form as these wire the only forwards able to do, anything of note with the uall. Both were guilty however,

POPULAR NAVAL TRIUMPH

By "Scrum Half"

Navy have won the 1940-41 Rugby Tournament, and a more popular success could not be imagined.

With the talent they had available, Navy have performed miracles, and Carter is to be congratulated on their trumph. It was indeed unfortuna'r that he was i unable to play in any of the five! games, and it is to be hoped that he will lead the side against Police next Saturday

Paul, Honeywill and a hardworking pack were responsible for a 11-0 win over a team who secured the ball from the set serums nine times out of ten for practically threequarters of the game, Deadly tackling held up repeated Army attacks and dropped passes or failure to run straight nullified all their best Cfforts,

Army had the talent to win this tournament, but they have a hard match ahead of them, against Club, before they can be even runners-up.

Club easily accounted for Police, who were lost without Wall

CHINESE TEAM FOR NEW YEAR'S CHARITY GAME

Following have been chosen to represent Combined Chinese against the Rest of Colony on New Year's Day at Sookunpoo in aid of the B.W.O.F. and Bomber Fund.

Cheung Wing-choi; (Sing Tao) Tsang Chungawan (South China) and Lee Tinsang; (Sing Tao) Soong Ling-sing, (Sing Tao) Hsu King-seng, (Eastern) and Tse Kam-hung; (South China) Chung Yung-sum. (Fastern) (Fung King-cheong, (Sing Tao) .V. K. Hyui, (Eastern) Lee Wai-tong, (South China) (Capt.) and Hau Ching-to, (Eastern).

M. V. Umfreville. who kept wicket for the British Empire tricket eleven on, many occasions, during the sum: mer, has joined the Royal Air Force to train assa rear gunner.

Umfrayille, who is twenty years of age, is considered one of the best wicket-keepers in club cricket and is a useful-Socder: inside forward, "

YESTERDAY'S SOCCER

FIRST DIVISION Sing Tao Kwong Wah SECOND DIVISION Sing Tao Kwong Wah Police KH Chde THIRD DIVISION 12th R.A. 2 A.S.A. Medicals 2 7th R.A.

ving headed in a centre from Yeung Shui-yick and before time Fung King-cheong added another, Kwong Wah:--Lee Kwok-kee; Leung Pak-wat, Chung Fai-lam; Cheung Shipfat, Chung Kim-fat, Leung Cht-cheong; Cheuk Shek-kam, Tin Xun-fat, Chin Chi-Fai-lum and sent in a hard drive, chung fun, Lau Fook-chuen and Wong King-

In the second half Lai Shui- Shuwick.

C.R.C. AT HOME

An "At Home" was held at the Chinese Recreation Club, Causeway. Bay, yosterday, when a largo number of members participated in an American mixed doubles tennis tournament. The prizes won during the past season were distributed at the end of the afternoon by the Hon, Mr. M. K. Le, after the Hon. Secretary, Mr. Wong Kwok-fong, had briefly 10viewed the sesson's activities.

YACHT RACING

Gull (Capt. A. O. G. Mills) won the Sweepstake race of the Royal Hong Kong Yacht Club held on Seturday over a distance of 8.6 miles, Koala (Mrs. M. Johnson) was second and Redshank (J Krogh-Moe) third. There were 11 starters and all completed the

The race for the Mixed Class Cheuk Shek-kam played on the and had no difficulty from close Kwong-sum, Eung King-cheong, Lai Ingram) with Widgeon (Map)or Shiu-wing, Ip Pak-wah and Yeung G. H. Brown) second and Owl (G. L. Eastgate) third. There were four entries.

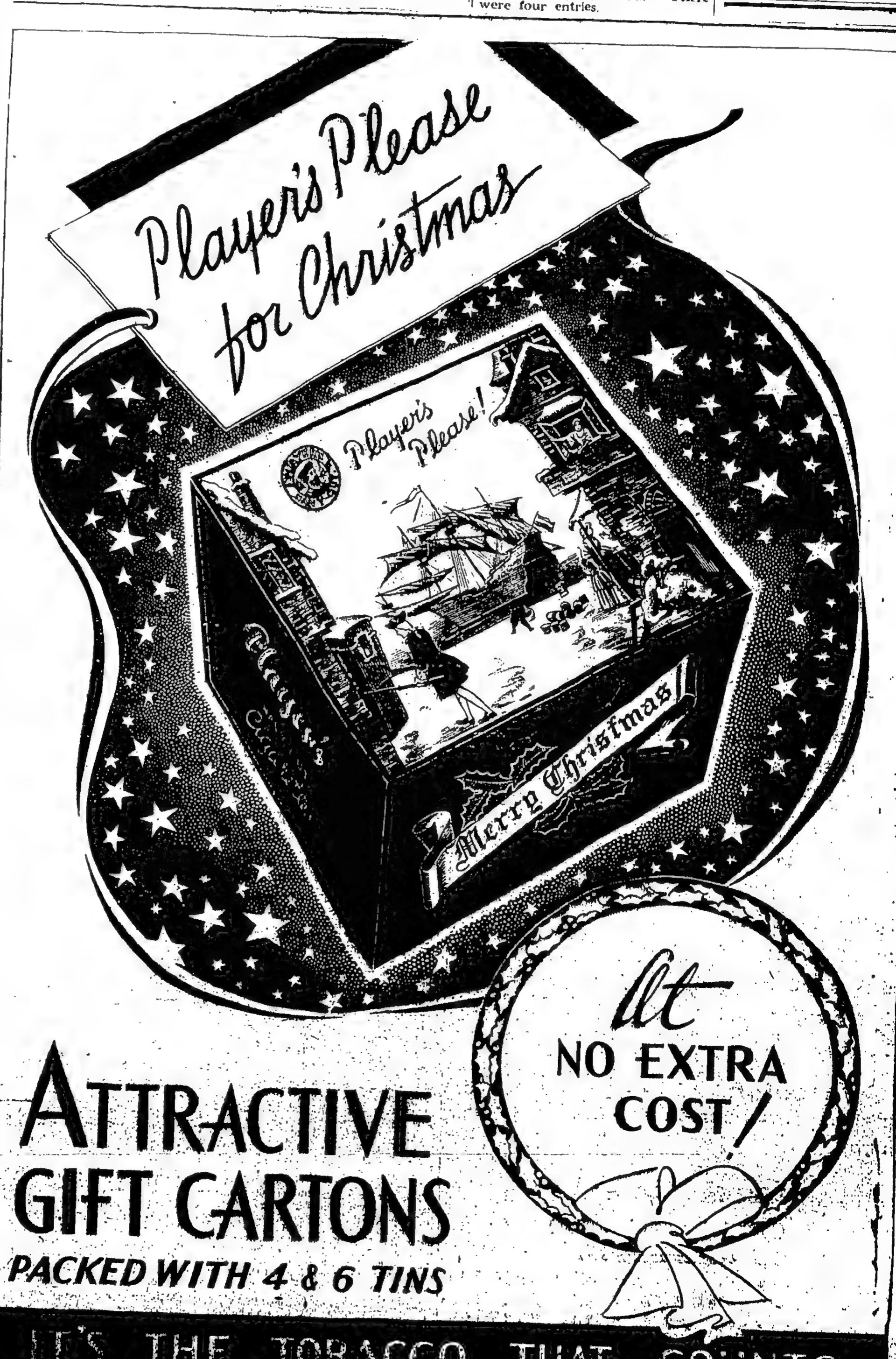
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BARDIA WEAKENING UNDER BRITISH PRESSURE

Early Fall Of Fortress Taken As Inevitable

ANTI-NAZI FEELING IN FRANCE

Bitter anti-German feeling in France was admitted yesterday by the German-controlled Paris Radio.

The announcer complained that when the R.A.F. bombers made their raids a Frenchwoman said

"The English at last! May God bless their bon be!

The Italians, too, scan to have some misgivings, and an Italian National Councilier in Rome yes terday complained:

"Italy, "while in a life-anddeath struggle against the strongest Empire in the world cannot trust the French

"It cannot be said that vanquished France is yet persuaded of her defeat." - Reuter

ARABS' SUPPORT

HAVE NEVER BEEN CLOSER that Borden is in no seese a bas-TO THE BRITISH THAN THEY Ton of the Italian forces in Africa. ARE NOW. REPORTS A BRITISH OFFICIAL WHO HAS JUST RE-TURNED TO ADEN FROM A TOUR OF THE HADRAMAUT REGION OF SOUTHERN ARAB-

Poor Response To British Gunfire

BARDIA NOW SEEMS to be weakening under the relentless British pressure of the past 10 days, and a Cairo communique yesterday evening said that in that area British guns had been active with little response from the Italians.

British pressure is being maintained in other parts of the war zone in Africa.

In the Sudan/Abyssinia sector, south-east of Kasala and east of ! Galabat, British patrols with artillery support have been harrying the Italians successfully.

In Italy itself, the early fall of l Bardia seems to be taken as inevitable.

Signor Ansaldo who takes second place only to Signor Gayda as leading Italian publicist -- de-ARABS | claied yesterday in a Turin pap r

> light and brought great relief, for the coastal Arabs have learned to hate Mussolini and Fascism.

"Wherever I went, I heard pray-The victories in the Western ers for a British victory," he said.

Descrit have given them great de- -- Reuter.

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In making this statement, he ignores Italian broadcasts of the past few days to the effect that the resistance at Bardia proved the strength, courage and resolution of the Italian troops and also proved

how fruitless the British offensive

was doomed to become.

According to Signor Ansaldo, the Italians in Bardia are nolding out because of their irritation at British boasting after 8.di-Barani! - Reuter.

PAMPHLET APPEARS IN BUCHAREST

PAMPHLETS AGAINST NAZI TYRANNY AND RE-AFFIRMING FAITH IN DEMOCRACY HAVE BEEN DISTRIBUTED IN THE STREETS OF BUCHAREST .-JUST ONE MORE SIGN OF THE GROWING HATRED OF THE RUMANIANS AGAINST THEIR GERMAN MASTERS.

The pamphlets express undying faith in the Allied cause and state that only a British victory can free the oppressed peoples of Europe from the Nazi voke.

"England is invincible, and with America will break the menace to peace under whose powers of despotism Europe is groaning to-day," says the pamphlet. — Reuter.

SAUDI PLOT REVEALED

THE SAUDI-ARABIAN LEGA-TION IN CAIRO STATED YES-TERDAY THAT A AGAINST KING IBN-SAUD HAD BEEN DISCOVERED.

Two persons had been sentenc-ed to death and others sent to prison.

Before the news was made public, the Italian Radio had already started to accuse the British of complicity in the deed.

These accusations are fantastic, London circles said last: night That the British should harbour any malicious intentions against an old and tried friend is obviously ridiculous. - Reuter.

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In most respects, the President's speech was a declaration of principles positively and broadly sketched, which will be filled in when he addresses Congress of January 6, says the Daily Telegraph's Washington correspondent, -Reuter.



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NAZIS FLYOVER EIRE

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL") The "unidentified" aircraft which flew over Dublin yesterday were apparently crossing Ireland to the Atlantic.

It was these raiders which attacked and, according to a German communique, "sank a 9,000-ton British merchantman in the Atlantic and damaged several other ships in the same convoy 100 miles off northern Eire."

According to the Nazi communique these 'planes flew over London on their return, seeing "large fires all over the capital" following the new fiery night raid.—International News Service.

THE ROOSEVELT

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

peals for and against increased aid to Britain pour-

ed into the White House yesterday as President

Roosevelt prepared to deliver his momentous fireside

chat, which was expected definitely to enunciate Ad-

AN UNSLACKENED torrent of telegraphic ap-

BRITAIN

TALK ON

FRENCH "DIVISION" DEFEATED

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

A Thailand High Command communique issued in Bangkok yesterday claims that an entire French division was defeated in heavy fighting on the Indo-China frontier.

It is claimed that large quantities of French arms and ammunition were coptured.—International News Service.

One Of Most Intensive Attacks Ever Experienced

IN KOWLOON

Motor car No. 4396, belonging

to Mrs. Ng Kwan Wai-fuen, of

No. 525,-Nathan Road, was stolen

between 8 p.m. yesterday, and

Lai Chuen-wah, of Portland

Street, has reported that his car,

No. 2859, which was parked out-

side the Hotel Nathan, was stolen,

between 7 p.m. and 8 p.m. yester-

SALE OF SOAP

PROHIBITED

The Nazi authorities in Copen-

hagen have prohibited the sale of

about 5.30 a.m. to-day.

ONLY SLIGHT GERMAN activity over Britain during last night is reported in an Air Ministry communique.

Bombs were dropped at a place in northwest England, where a small number of people were killed and others injured.

Bombs were also dropped at one Suffolk coast town and two Kent coast towns but though some houses were damaged no casualties were reported.

London had one of the earliest alerts last night for some time and in the early stages the raid proved one of the most intensive yet experienced.

In all areas showers of incendiaries were followed by high explosives

During the week ended day. midnight on December 28 the Germans, in raids over Britain, lost seven planes.

Two were lost on the night of soap in Denmark on January Dec. 21/22, three on the night of after which it will be strictly ra-Dec. 22/23, one during the day of tioned.—Reuter, Dec. 23 and one during the day of Dec. 25.

British fighters were lost.

Five British bombers were lost in the course of widespread heavy attacks over enemy and enemy-

One was lost on the night of Dec. 22/23, one on the night of Dec. 23/24, one on the night of Dec. 26/27 and one on the night

LOSSES IN A WEEK

During the same period no

occupied territory.

of Dec. 27/28.—Reuter.

BORDER CLASHES

ministration policy on that point.

"LOCAL HOSTILITIES" BE-TWEEN THAILAND AND FRENCH TROOPS OCCURRED ON SATURDAY. ACCORDING TO A COMMUNIQUE ISSUED YESTERDAY BY THE THAI HIGH COMMAND IN BANG-KOK.

The French were routed and arms and ammunition captured. The communique adds that on Saturday evening French troops opened fire from Vientianne but were quickly silenced. Reuter.

VERY SATISFIED

Lord Willingdon, leader of the British Trade Miss on which has now arrived in Santiago de Chile. said that he was very satisfied with the cenits of the visital in Brazil, Argentine and Druging and he believed the Chile's visit would prove equally successful.

WEATHER FOREGASTI-Northpast winds, moderate; tair.

The National Broadcasting Company estimated that an American audience of 80,000,000, the greatest in history, awaited the speech, which was due to be delivered at p.m. (Eastern Standard Time).

speech were to be broadcast in many languages. White House secretaries say the bulk of appeals support a policy of unstinting ald to

Short-wave excerpts from the

It was definitely learned that NAZIIIALE the President's speech would urge all possible aid to Britain on the grounds that the Administration is convinced Britain can win the

war.-International News Service Careful Language

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REPORTS THAT A FRENCH PLANE WITH FIVE ON BOARD INCLUDING HIGH PERSON-AGE, WAS SHOT DOWN BY SPANISH ANTI - AIRCRAFT FIRE NEAR GIBRALTAR ON CHRISTMAS DAY WHILE ON ITS WAY TO FRANCE FROM MOROCCO, WERE DENIED BY THE FRENCH RADIO FROM LYONS LAST NIGHT.

No French plane, stated tha announcer. left Morocco for France on that day nor have the French authorities any information of a plane under repair which left Oran on Christman Day with only civil technicians on heard - Reuter.

**** ARGENTINE DECISION CONDEMNED

The Argentine newspapers in Buenos Aires are commenting in strongly adverse terms on the Government's decision to ban Chaplin's new film "The Dictators," on the representations of the Italian Ambassador.—Reuter.

NO SHORTAGE OF ALUMINIUM

It is officially stated in New York that reports of a shortage of aluminium in the United States are incorrect and that supplies are ample for the defence programme. -Reuter.



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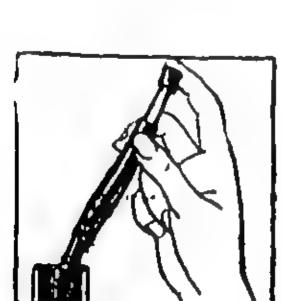
BERWICK IN ACTION H.M.S.

Clash With Enemy Raider Attacking Convoy



When bombs were dropped during a recent raid on Lon. don a large crater was caused in Westminster. The House of Lords windows were damaged. Photo shows broken windows at the House of Lords and the statue of Richard Coeur de Lion in foreground. (Copyright, Fox).

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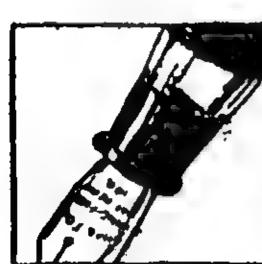
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Christmas. Day Brush Revealed

A POWERFUL ENEMY surface warship was hit amidships by a British shell in the North Atlantic on Christmas Day, while her supply ship was scuttled and sunk, announces the Admiralty.

On the morning of Christmas Day, the powerful enemy warship tried to attack a convoy in the North Atlantic, says the Admiralty communique.

One ship in the convoy was hit and received slight damage. The enemy withdraw at high speed as soon as she realised the convoy was escorted.

Our escort gave chase and was able to engage the enemy at long range. Visibility had been variable and dropped rapidly to half a mile,

One shell burst amidships but it is not possible to state the extent of any further damage.

H.M.S. Berwick received slight damage and there were five casualties, whose next of kin had been informed.

Berwick is remaining at sea as an effective unit of the Navy. During the pursuit in poor visibility, the German s.s. Baden, 8,000 tons, was intercepted. She immediately set herself on fire and had to be sunk by shell-fire. It is considered probable she was acting as a supply ship. — Reuter. ***Berwick, a 10,000-ton cruiser of the Kent class, was completed in 1927 and was formerly on the China station, She saw action with the Mediterranean Fleet in November when our ships chased the Italians.

CONVOYING TACTICS

The King has personally assured himself of the great care with which arrangements for convoys are worked out by the naval authorities.

He recently visited a port for this purpose and he attended one of the informal conferences at which captains of merchantmen and escorting warships meet and problems before discuss their leaving.

Skippers and naval personnel were seated together round a table receiving instructions from a naval captain when the King walked into the room accompanjed by the Commander-in-Chief of the port.

At these conferences, which are always held a few, hours before a convoy sails, the posttion each ship shall take is decided as well as methods to be actobion in case of arrack birbar. by surface raider, U-boat or air-

The King was shown a chart of positions each ship would take and also where escorting warships would be positioned and he listened to discussions at the conference.

Afterwards His Majesty met the skippers and talked with them individually. Several of the skip-

pers were from Allied countries.
The Commodore of this convoy.
was a Dutchman and the King had a long talk with him, British Wireless.

DRIFTING MINES

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Drifting mines were reported from Cheung Chau Island at 11.10 a.m. yesterday, by the Water Police according to a Harbour Department announcement this

MISSIONARIES

GOING HOME

About 200 American missionaries and their families will leave Shanghai for America aboard the "President Coolidge" on New Year's Day and about 100 more will leave by the "President Pierce" on January 6 and the "President Taft" on January 20, according to a Shanghai dispatch. -Central News.

FREE LIFT DRIVERS RUN RISK

A motorist who gives a free lift to anyone runs the risk of being sued if, by negligence, he involves the passenger in an accident, while a motorist who asks "reward" for a lift, even into a "Spitfire" box, may invalidate his insurance policy.

In stating this, the Law Journal concludes that the Minister of Transport's proposal of a notice that passengers would be given lifts at their own, risk goes, back to a rule that has been denounced by the House of Lords, and is "a bold suggestion to make."

The Journal considers that if a driver says "I will take you to Lendon for two shillings," he becomes the driver of a hackney carriage, and requires a hackney, carriage licence. Morcover, his insurance policy may be invalidate

Drivers who hang about railway, stations to "earn an honestpenny" by bringing pedestrians home play a game at least as dangerous as it is generous, and the driver who says, "Here is a box for the Spitfire fund. Will you put something into it?" runs into danger.



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MINE TRAGEDY IN INDIA

Four, including Mr. E. G. Barker, assistant manager of Kastur colliery, were asphyxiated while inspecting the mine, says a message from Jharia (India).

The men were overcome by a leakage of gas before help could reach them. Reuter

NDIAN GUARD'S SUICIDE

An Indian guard (No. 430), L. Singh, who shot himself through the head yesterday morning, ded in the Kowloon Hospital at 430

He was on duty at the Kowloon; Bus Company's premises in Castle Peak Road when the incident occurred.

He was only 25 years of age.

AGENCY NEWS MESSAGES SHOW THAT NEUTRAL CORRESPONDENTS IN ROME ARE NOW RECEIVING HINTS FROM OFFICIAL CIRCLES THERE OF IMPORTANT DEVELOP-MENTS OF A DECISIVE NATURE IN THE VERY NEAR FUTURE AND THEY REPORT THAT THE ITALIAN PUBLIC ARE BEING PERSUAD-ED TO EXPECT SOME EARLY AND FAVOUR-ABLE MOVE TO OFFSET RECENT ITALIAN DEFEATS.

A German attack on Britain is promised for early in the New Year. The story is that Hitler has decided to act soon so as to get in a blow before further American help can reach Britain.

Italian newspapers are telling pression created by Italian retheir readers the attack will take verses place in surprising form and that many new secret weapons will be used. This last touch is recognise ed in London as a familiar forinula in the war of nerves.

On the other hand, if the rumours are intended for the outside world, all verisimilitude has been taken from them by a detail added in Rome to the effect that the German attack on Britain will be accompanied by "strong Italian paratlet action in the Mediterranean."

Therefore, journalistic circles in London tend to regard this Rome campaign as chiefly intended as an antedote at home to the de-

Not Impressed

Similar suggestions obviously inspired in Berlin were recently reproduced from neutral newspapers in the British press but no great importance seemed to be atthehed to them.

After the Prime Minister's warning before the parliamentary recess that Hitler's need for some action might lead him to attempt invasion at any time, and the consequent confidence that the authorities are on the afert, the press and public are not inclined to be particularly impressed by repetition of old threats from Berlin.

Nevertheless there is general satisfaction at the unmerciful hammering which the "invasion bases" have been receiving day and night from the R.A.F. since Christmas.—British Wireless.



Rome Radio, efforts to create mistrust of British war news, yesterday adopted a rather feeble expedient.

It accused the B.B.C. and Cairo of issuing widely differing reports of the number of Italian machines destroyed - alleging that while the former claims Italian losses

as two 'planes the latter gave 24. Rome was half correct in its facts. It only omitted to mention that the figure given by the B.B.C. was for the single day of December 26 and the Cairo figure related to the number of aircraft shot down by a single squadron during six and a half months of war in the Western Dessert. — British Wireless.

PLEA ACCEPTED

am a stranger to Hong Kong," pleaded a 29-year-old Hoklo junkmaster in the Marine Court this morning when he was charged with entering the West Lamma Channel minefield.

In reply to Commander J. Jolly, acting Harbour Master, Sergeant Mayor stated that the plea was feusible since defendant had been in charge of the boat for only four days.

Defendant was cautioned.

ANTI-FASCIST RALLIES IN INDIA

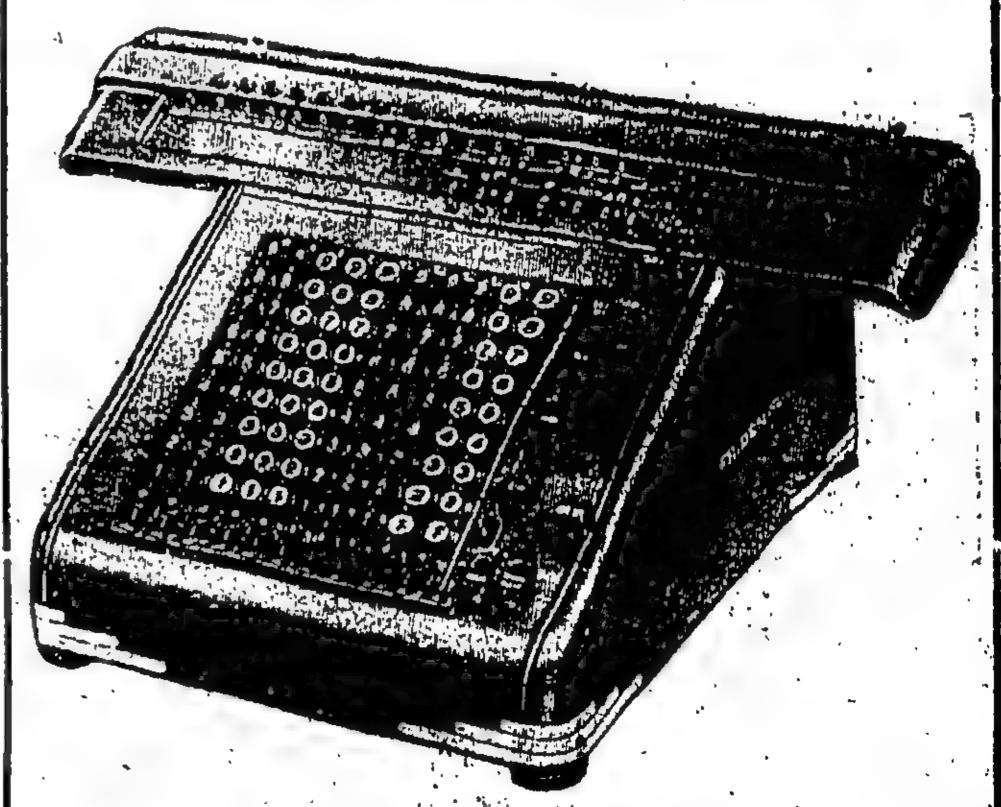
Tending anti-Fascists in the Indian world of Labour are holding Labour rallies all over the country to mobilise Labour support for the war effort. Various industrial deaders are joining. --Reuter: Comment



MR. WINSTON CHURCHILL, the Premier, signs an autograph for a little admirer, whilst awaiting a train to London. Accompanied by Mrs. Churchlil and General Sikorsky, the Polish Prime Minister, he had been inspecting more of Britain's defences. (Copyright, Fox).

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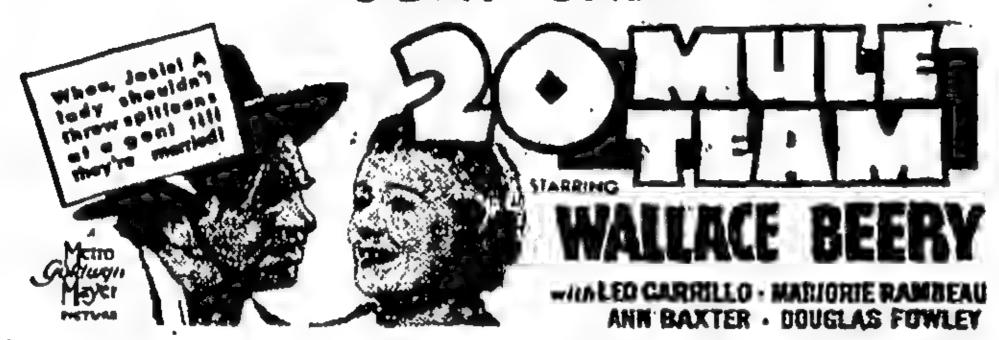
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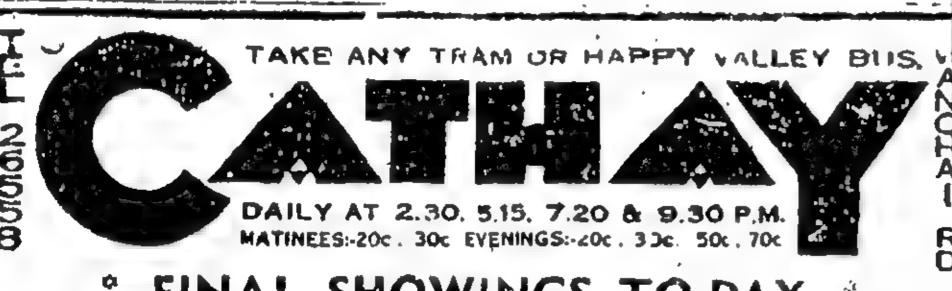
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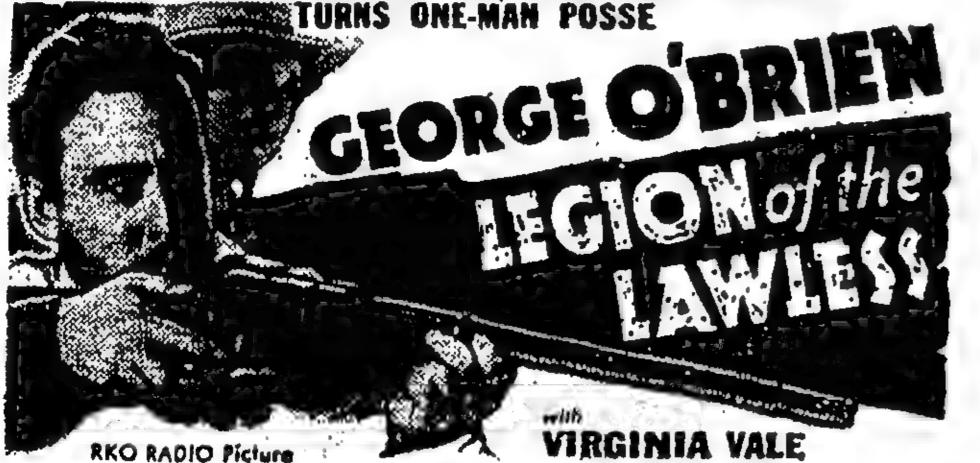


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Western Desert Air Encounter

TWO ITALIAN AIRCRAFT were brought down and five others damaged during an encounter between R.A.F. fighters and a large formation of enemy bombers escorted by fighters.

Announcing this, R.A.F. headquarters in the Middle East yesterday also said that during an R.A.F. raid on Tobruk on the night of December 26 fires were started but the full extent of damage could not be observed.

ORDERS

FURTHER **MEASURES** OF PREVENT HOARDING OTHER FOODSTUFFS AND DAILY NECESSITIES FOR THE PURPOSE OF SPECULATION, HAVE BEEN PROMULGATED BY GENERALISSIMO CHIANG KAI-SHEK.

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Possession of large stocks which have not been registered, will ifter that date, be considered as hearding. Stocks will be confiscated and the owners court-marnalled.

Government will protect legitimate profits for owners who sell or register their stocks. - Central News.

B.W.O.F.

Following is the latest list of subscriptions received to date for credit of the British War Organisation Fulld, Hong Kong Branch:-

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JUMBLE SALE OF HER HOME

One of Goering's tip-and-run heroes dropped a bomb on the house of Mrs. Taylor, in the West Country.

Instead of being dismayed, she promptly held a jumble sale for the benefit of the Red Cross Penny-a-week Fund.

From the rulns of her home sha calmly retrieved any still recognisable belongings. The open-air. auction fetched £4 for bombsoiled furniture.

When crowds came to look at the ruins Mrs. Taylor picked the few autumn flowers left in her small garden and sold them as souvenirs.

WEATHER REPORT

The Royal Observatory reports that the anticyclone has moved rapidly eastward leaving a ridge of high pressure between Indo-China and Japan and a relatively low area over Manchuria.

will sail for Shanghai during the next few-days.

Albania, is also reported. One heavy bomb was seen to explode 50 yards from a large ship but the effect of the other bombs could not be observed owing to extremely bad weather.

The enemy bombed Sollum but

The successful bombing of Va-

only slight damage was caused.

lona, on the foreshore of southern

All British aircraft returned safe y to base .- Reuter.

HEAD-ON

A Junkers 88 pilot became so desperate after a Blenheim fighter had chased him for over 50 miles that he attempted to ram his pursucr head-on. Suddenly turning at the end of the chase, he drove his Junkers straight at the Blenheim. He nearly succeeded, the bomber passing only ten yards

underneath the fighter. The Blenheim pilot had pre- stolen from her residence.

GIFT 'PLANE FROM LOCKHEED **FACTORY**

A Hudson Bomber named "Spirit of Lockheed and Vega" has just arrived in Britain, It has come from America.

This machine was presented by managers and employees of the Lockheed Aircraft Company and the Vega Aeroplane Company and is a gift to the British nation.—British Wireless.

viously opened fire and damaged the bomber.

. When last seen the bomber was flying slowly, with oil pouring

PEAK THEFTS

Mrs. Lamb. of No. 523, The Peak, informed the police that clothing valued at \$138 has been



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CZECH SABOTAGE FOUND

Czechs working to sabotage German food and petrol rationing systems in the Protectorate are reported to have been discovered.

Czech newspapers refer to a big organisation sabotaging food rationing in Bohemia and Moravia,

It is stated that Mr. John Spacil, mayor of the important Bohemian industrial town of Caslav, has been arrested together with two administrative functionaries who are accused of sabotage acts against the institution of , food ration cards.

Faked Cards

Faked petrol ration cards aimed at upsetting the distribution system are reported to have been found by the Gestapo in a country printing office.

These books were distributed by a widespread organisation, free of charge, amongst trustworthy Czech patriots.

It is understood that the damage and disorganisation caused is substantial.

AIRMAN PRINCE "SCOUNDREL"

PRINCE VON STARHEMBERG, former Vice-Chancellor of Austria, now a lieutenant in the Free French Air Force, was called "a scoundrel" in the House of Commons by Mr. Wedgwood (Soc., Newcastle-under-Lyme).

Captain Balfour, Under-Secretary for Air, said that Prince von Starhemberg received £1 11s. 4d. a day — the pay and allowances appropriate to his rank. All expenditure on the Free French Air Force is met in the first instance from funds advanced from the Government.

indecent that this man who assassinated democracy in Austria should now be allowed to fight on our side, and should be paid by us in the war for democracy, and against all'that Prince von Starhemberg has stood for?

Captain Balfour: I reject that suggestion whole heartedly. To any one who is willing to risk his

Mr. Wedgwood. Is it not rather life in the air and fight in our cause, we own a debt of gratitude.

Cries Of Order

Mr. Woodburn (Soc., Clackmannan): Is there any suggestion that we are going to impose him on Austria at the end of the war? Mr. Silverman (Soc., Nelson and Colne): Does the Under-Secretary suggest that Prince von Starhemberg is more worthy to fight for democracy than many of our internees in this country?

Captain Balfour: That is different question from the one on the paper. If this man is willing to fight in our cause and risk his life, he deserves our gratitude.

Mr. Wedgwood, speaking with some warmth, asked, "Why will you not allow other allens from Austria to fight?"

Above loud cries of "Order," Mr. Wedgwood continued: "You keep them in prison, but allow a scoundrel like that to fight for democracy. I want an answer from the Government."

No reply was given. ***Prince von Starhemberg was one of the early disciples of Hitler, and took part in the abortive beer-cellar putsch of Munich. Soon afterwards he and Hitler became estranged, and the prince formed his own Fascist-like Heimwehrin Austria. He fled from Austria before Hitler marched in, and announced that he had consecrated his life to wiping out Hitlerism and restoring the freedom of Austria.

DAMAGES FOR SPITFIRE FUND

More and more property own-: ers are giving to the national cause the sums awarded them as compensation for damage duc' to

forced landings by R.A.F. aircraft. In the Isle of Wight a bomber came down in the grounds of a Preparatory School near Ryde, damaging the turf near the cricket

Mr. K. S. Mitcheson, the owner, has generously suggested that the sum awarded to cover the damage should be paid to the Spitfire Fund.



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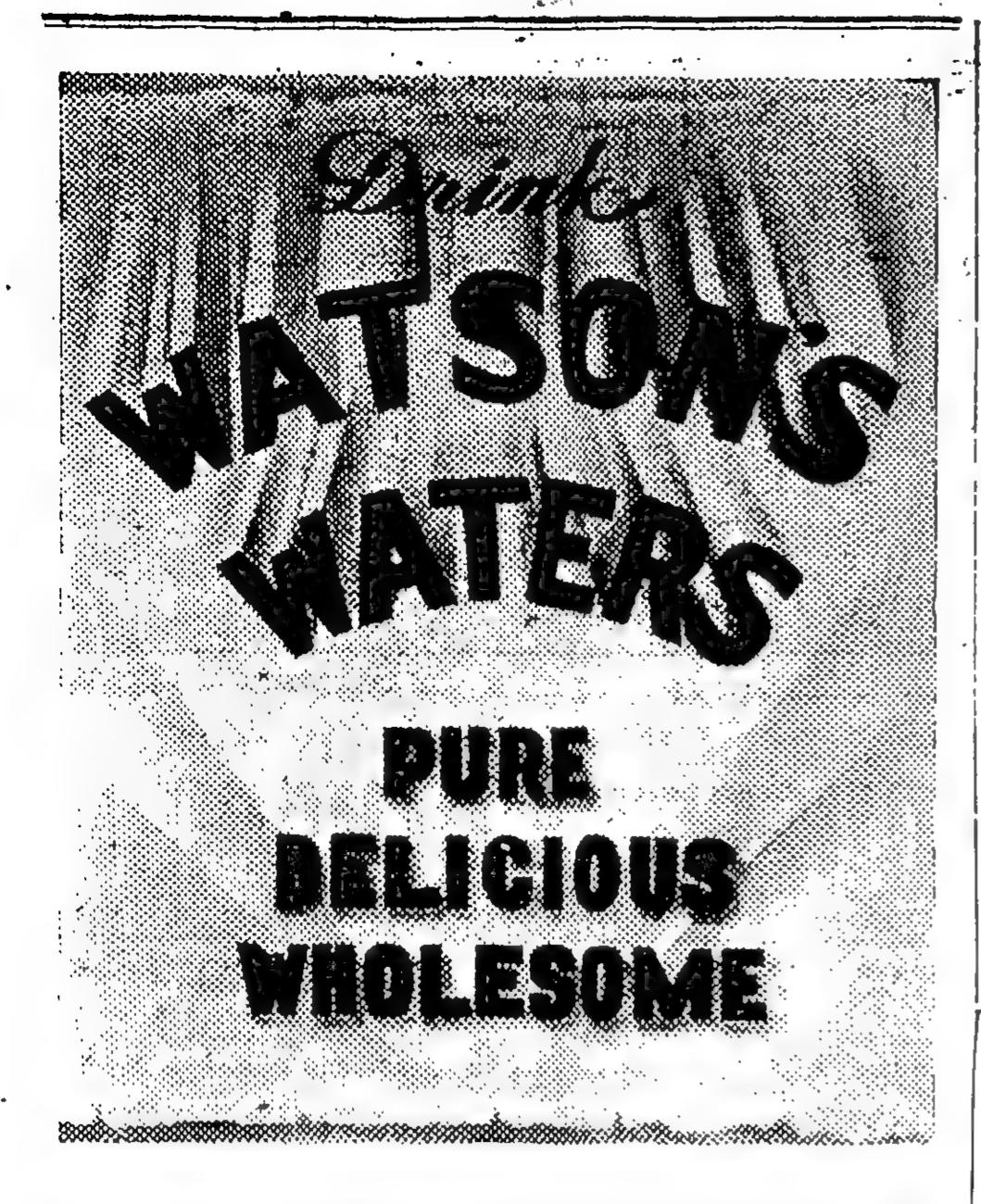
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Their Majestles the King and Queen recently visited Communal Centres in South London and chatted to prople who are without gas and who go to the Central School and get meals for a few pence. Photo shows Their Majesties studying the menu at the Communal Centre. Copyright, Fox).

LATEST GALLUP POLL

No less than 60 per cent. of the population of the United States now realises that it is more important to aid Britain, even at the risk of entering the war, than to keep out at all costs, the latest Gallup survey shows.

The "New York Times" reports that in response to the question "Do you believe the Germans intend to make slaves of the people of Europe and to control American trade and industry?" no less than 60 per cent answered "Yes."

The second World War has arrived and Germany will attack the United States as soon as it suits her, said the "New York Herald-Tribune" in a leading article yesterday.

Aid to Britain is a necessity which permits of no hesitation, the paper concludes. — Reuter.

JAPANESE OPEN SECTION OF C.H.R.

The Canton-Hankow Railway, which has been closed to the public since the Japanese occupation ployed as a rent collector by Hang of Canton, will be partially opened by the Japanese military authorities on January 1, when a ing to \$522 and converted them to regular train service will be resumed between Canton and Sunkai, north of Canton, says a semi-official Japanese report.

Trains will stop at seven stations between Canton and Sunkai.—Reuter Special.

PETAIN SILENT ON NAZI THREATS TO FRANCE

Marshal Petain made a national broadcast yesterday afternoon but threw no light on the present Franco-German negotiations, which have been the subject of a big crop of weekend rumours.

He confined himself to a moral appeal to French youth and men for self-sacrifice and the team spirit.—Reu-

HIS SECOND "MISHAP"

CHARGED WITH EMBEZZLE-MENT OF \$522 BETWEEN NO-VEMBER 29 AND DECEMBER 15, WONG KWAI, 30, RENT COL-LECTOR, WAS REMANDED FOR 72 HOURS BY MR. H. G. SHEL-DON. K.C., THIS MORNING, TO MAKE RESTITUTION.

According to Detective-Sergeant V. Morrison, defendant was em-Yuk-ming, of No. 474, Hennessy Road. 'He collected rents amounthis own use.

A few years ago defendant was involved in an identical case but was given a chance.

Defendant said he lost the money and failed to inform his employer about it.

U.S. AID

OVER : 500 RADIO STATIONS WILL TRANSMIT PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT'S BROADCAST IN AMERICA AND A DOZEN SHORT-WAVE TRANSMITTERS WILL CARRY THE TALK THROUGHOUT' THE WESTERN HEMISPHERE AND INTO THE FAR EAST IN MANY LAN-GUAGES.

Urging President Roosevelt ... to. give the country a strong lead for increased aid to Britain, the news-1 paper "Washington Post" yester day said: "Britain should fight with their back to American factories."—Reuter.

MILITARY TRAINING IN INDIA

were stressed by various confer- p.m. ences held all over India during : Christmas week. -- Reuter.

MYSTERY PLANES

Unidentified aircraft were sighted over Duncarana and Lochswilly coastal forts shortly after noon yesterday, states the Eirean Department of Defence.

Anti-aircraft batterles opened fire and the aircraft flew to the north-east.

Later in the afternoon, a multi-engined military aircraft flew over Dublin and the Eastern Counties area.

Anti-aircraft artillery south of the capital fired and an interceptor patrol immediately took off but the intruder disappeared into thick clouds before she could be identified.-Reuter.

LORRYLOAD OF PINES DETAINED

Four persons on ibeard were arrested when a lorry loaded with 6,720 cattles of pine tree wood, proceeding along Taipo Road early yesterday morning,

was stopped by the police. Before Major A. N. Macfadyen this morning, the four were charged with unlawful possession. First and second accused were fined -\$100 or -12 weeks' 'hard labour, while third and fourth accused were fined \$60 or two months'.

A house boy, Leung Wahachi, 25, employed at No. 21, Granville Road, who went to Dairy Farm and Cold Storage Company, Nathan Road, on Saturday to make a purchase and produced a forged \$1 note, swas charged before Mr. E. Himsworth at Kowloon this morning with knowingly uttering a forged note, and with possession of two similar notes. Accused was remanded until Thursday for further enquiries.

Charged with giving false information to Sergeant Haynes at Honghum Police Station on Saturday night, Ng Chung-pang, 28, was lined \$20 pr one month's hard labour by Mr. E. Himsworth at Kowloon this morning.

Accused made a report at 9 p.m., stating that he had been The need of Andian youths tak- robbed of \$134 by two robbars, ing advantage to the utmost of one armed with a knife and the facilities for military impring in other with a danger, who held every branch of the war effort him up in Chatham Road at 0:30

> After interrogation, accused aidmitted that his story was untrue.

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WOMEN AND THE WAR

Nothing could demonstrate more clearly the justice of the cause for which Britain is at war than the temper of the National Conference of Labour Wothen at Southport. Of 300 delegates from Labour organisations all over the country only three dissented from a resolution to the effect that the war must be prosecuted to a successful conclusion. Nobody can suspect these women of Imperialist pride or greed or doubt that they know from intimate experience the terrible cost of war in life. health, and happiness. Their support of British resistance to Hitler lends all the greater strength to their demand for vigilance and courage in domestic policy. During the last war evils were bred which ravaged one coun- which ravaged one counlast months of 1918, spreading death more rapidly than war itself. The moral of that experience is that social services are more necessary than ever in war, and the conference emphasised that truth. The president had an excellent sentence on the future: "An uneducated and underfed people could not build a better world. The whole weight of this body of knowledge, experience, and sympathy will be put behind the demand for a bold policy on education and nutrition. In our ill-arranged society the children are, as Sir William Beveridge has said, the chief single cause of poverty, and of these children thousands go through life disabled in health and vitality by its burdens. If the gross inequalities of which the president spoke are to be removed that vicious circle must be broken.

THE BASER SIDE OF THINGS

It will be noticed that even those who nowadays make such free use of the term "ideology" never apply it in a good sense. You never hear anyone talk concerned with the abso- ant little kingdom. about the ideology of lov- lute value of pure ideas ing-kindness or common now means something sense or right and justice. All the decencies of existence have been able to get along very comfortably such a remarkable examwithout any ideologies in the jargon sense of to-day rency could be dropped to support them; it is only the smash-and-grab raid it is one of those words and the system of oppression which call for that cination over victims of particular verbal buttress. the jargon complex. They, And so we reach the curi at any rate, become only ous conclusion that a too easily "wrapped up" term which was originally in ideologies.

Veed American COMETHING closer than mere, or wrongly looked upon as the ever, but practical problems

thing closely approaching union has now appeared on the horizon of Anglo-American relations.

Both in London and Washinggiven for the first time to deeper implications of the need for coordinating National defence plans of Great Britain and the United States. As a result, there is a steadily growing conviction that the underlying unity of interests and mutual security of the two English-speaking peoples must find expression in more permanent and far-reaching form of co-

This is the climax that has lately been reached by one of the most significant undercurrents stirred by war, Relations between America and Great Britain have unquestionably been hurled forward and upward by the course of recent world events.

Effect Of Election

to favour and further this trend | and ideals of two countries.

honourable title of Muang Thai

Land of the Free- it convinced no

one, except perhaps the Siamese

themselves, that Thailandhadhot

won and still retained her inde-

pendence by the grace of her more

territory outside her present bord-

CTs are based, like those of Ger-

many, on ancient boundaries won!

of Siamese minorities in the dis-

puted areas. Her ambition is to

embrace Cambodia, Tonkin, the

Shon States of Burma, and even

the provinces of Yunnan and

Szechwan in China, and she claims

that within these areas are Slam-

ese-speaking minorities totalling

14,000,000--or more than Thai-

These ambitions have been en-

couraged by Japan, who, under

the cleak of aiding Thailand's na-

tional aspirations, has steadlly

directed Siamese policy for her

own advantage. It was Japanese

influence which caused Thailand

to embarrass the Chinese Govern-

mant at a critical stage of the

Sino-Japanese war, and the same

itifluence is responsible for Thai-

land's present pressure on French

In very similar circumstances

Germany encouraged Poland in

her demands on Czecho-Slovakia,

and aided Slovakia against the

Czechs. Far Eastern observers

have not failed to draw the com-

parison, and to point out the dan-

ger to Thailand's independence

Japanese Infiltration

Thailand entered the twentieth

century with her ancient border

quarrels apparently ended, and

she turned with great enthusiasm

which is poisonous or con-

temptible. It would be

rather a good thing if

ple of debased verbal cur-

altogether. Unfortunately

which exercise a fatal fas-

way of a too-powerful Japan,

Indo-China.

land's present population.

powerful neighbours.

occasional cooperation—some- greatest possible exponent of ever defence—a very realistic and im-British peoples.

ton, serious consideration is being Naziism and Faseism with their Anglo-American cooperation. ever-expanding ambitions

By Mallory Browne

from some measure, at least, of beginning of the war whipped up America realised that her own the normally sluggish stream of security depended on aiding Bri-Anglo-American relations into a tain. This mutual awakening to rushing torrent. As Mr. J. L. their interdependence in the mat-Garvin of "The Observer," Wrote ters of security and defence led to recently, history will probably re- the formation of the Americancord the ironical fact that Adolf Canadian Joint Defence Board Hitler's greatest achievement was and thence to agreement whereby to unite Britain and America.

Quicome of the American Pre- a trend that has long been insidential election appears likely herent in the basic unity of origin

closer and more active coopera- mediate mutual danger and need tion between the American and of meeting it—that has given the recent fresh impulse to the pre-In any case, there is no doubt sent tendency toward far-reaching

England's Realisation

England realised with a rude jolt last summer that collapse of France meant Britain would be left alone against a whole continent under totalitarian terror; and that this meant victory would be possible only with the full assistance of the United States, tical fields. The same applies to operation hardly distinguishable world domination have since the Simultaneously, or nearly so, the United States obtained much-Actually, of course, Herr Hitler needed naval bases on British territory in the return for 50 overage destroyers equally needed by the Royal Navy.

These two pacts, however, vital and historic innovations as they were, are but main outward signs! In Britain Mr. Roosevelt is rightly It is not abstract idealism, how- of a co-ordination of defence

of means and measures of two nations that goes far beyond what is or can be publicly known in detail at this stage. Production of 'planes, design and manufacture of tanks, artillery, munitions, etc., are being standardised in both countries to a startling extent. This implies a degree of unity between the two Governments and military, naval, air staffs that cannot fail to have far-reaching, profound effects in diplomatic polieconomic financial matters under present total war conditions.

Peace Also Considered

Nevertheless, it is at least as much for peace and reconstruction as for war, that Britain is looking toward America. We have been repeatedly impressed by the number and calibre of British people who to-day envision postwar reconstruction as essentially a joint Anglo-American task, Cabinet Ministers, labour leaders, military and naval chiefs have expressed privately—and more cautiously in public statements as well-their deep conviction that only if Britain and the United States get together, not merely intermittently upon occasion, but lastingly upon a far-secing basis, is there any real hope of avoiding repetition of tragic errors of the past 20 years. Japan in the Far East, as well as Germany in Europe, constitute problems which can only be solved pernianently on the basis of justice for all if Britain and America are able to unite in preserving peace as well as aiding administration of justice.

It is to the late | Lord Lothian that much of the credit for progress in ! Anglo-American understanding must go, and this is being increasingly acknowledged in London. tic achievement of democracy—

Relations in Transition

Despite this undoubted progress. Most of the officers have been however, it is vital to realise that

Much depends now on whether the United States enters the war; and if so how soon. It would be dangerous to close our eyes to the plain fact that America's role in rebuilding peace must inevitably depend in great part on the role it plays in war. If that role were to be limited to "cash and carry" aid to Britain—aid deeply appresuccess as among the Siamese. America could hardly expect to have much say about the peace settlement that would follow.

Fortunately for the future of trality. But to-day Japanese pow- Anglo-American utilty, there is er in Eastern waters and along evidence that this important fact campaign against Manchukuo.... apparently willing to assist the modest partial measure of union growth of Japanese power in the -between Britain and America

vain and intensely patriotic peo- Thalland, will be endangered, for tory—in that direction, and this ple, for their own advantage. Ja beyond Thalland lie Malaya and the most encouraging aspects of pan has increased her trade with Burma, gateways to Australia and the most encouraging aspects of , the warring world in transition.

and war have not achieved this end. They have only unwillingly and unwittingly helped precipitate

(By A Special Correspondent) When the Government at Bang- | to the promotion of internal re- | those in Siam by fast steamer ser-

kok in 1939 discarded the name forms and the modernisation of vices, Experienced Japanese publi-

stitutions.

This manifestation of Thailand's new-found nationalism was aided by her neighbours, particularly Britain and Japan, and received impetus after the bloodless politicat and social revolution of 1932, the country. Thailand's present position which was followed by the foundominously resembles that of some ing of a virtual military dictator-European States. Her claims to ship.

The Japanese, in aiding Thailand, have entrenched themselves alism. Not since 1917, when size by conquest and on the presence | in the country's life. Practically declared war on Germany, has she His success in replacing previous every Government department, the army, the navy, the majority of the banks, and nearly all commercial firms have Japanese advisers. Japan now occupies the same commanding influence in Thailand that Germany has won in Slovakia,

> Japan has played eleverly on missioned officers. the enthusiastic haltionalism of the Siamese. She has never lost an opportunity of recalling that Cambodia was "seized" by the French, or to insist that for 50 years Thailand's industrial and financial activities have been dominated by Great Britain and China; and Tokyo still maintains that Britain has attempted to mould Siamese foreign policy.

to realise Japan's ulterjor aims, selfishness, or to observe that every branch of Siamese life is now so impregnated with Japanese influence that the Bangkok grown from five planes, in 1935, Government is rapidly losing the very independence of thought and action which it imagines Japan is assisting Thailand to gain.

should she eventually stand in the The reports which have circulated from time to time of rifts der as the result of a growth of clated but dearly bought, too, it in the relations between Thailand nationalism among a backward should not be forgotten—it is in and Japan have invariably ori- people has been fostered by Japan | the first place doubtful whether. ginated in Tokyo. In every case for her own ends with conspicuous any country would have any say, the reports have proved false, and success in Thalland, and what is in framing peace except Germany; have been designed, apparently, true there is true in other Eastern and in the second place it is certo lull Thailland's neighbours into countries, though not to the same tain that even if Britain finally, a false estimate of Japan's in- extent. Nowhere has Japan ex- won with only commercial assistfluence in the strategically import- | pended so much effort with such lance from the United States,

"The New Order"

The beginning of Japan's relations with Thailand dates back to 1614, and despite the rise of Bris tish influence, to-day Japan plays a commanding part in Thailand's internal and foreign affairs. Thai-Thailand's borders is in the as- is being frankly faced. This is land was one nation which refused condancy. Encouraged by Japan only one of countless thorny questo vote against Japan when the and anxious to take advantage of tions and difficulties that must be League of Nations condemned the the new situation, the Siamese are solved before union—even a very

Siamese nationalism has been themselves becoming subservient changing the course and shape of to an ally whom they helped to Nevertheless, the current of Thailand, the Japanese have power, utilised the new trend of thought. Should that situation trise Bri- day flowing strongly — more among a careless, carefree, but tain's interests, as well as those of strongly than ever before in his-Thailend, and linked her ports to India

Siam for the more ancient and her agriculture, industry, and in- easts have been sent to Thailand to explain "the New Order in East

> Jepan, in short, has "got in on the ground floor" of Stamese nationalism, and her agents have won to key positions throughout

Under a military dictatorship herself, Thailand has looked to Germany and Japan for inspiration in her programme of nationstressed enational defence so much distrusts and coldness by confidas now. Since 1932 the amount ence and good will has won respent on defence each year has cognition on both sides of the Atmore than doubled, and now ac- lantic as an outstanding diplomacounts for more than half the national income. Conscription has litting reply to "force-diplomacy" been introduced, and the army of totalitarian dictatorships. has 1,500 foreign-trained officers, and more than 10,000 non-com-

trained in Japan, and Japan also relations between the United built 85 per cent. of the small, States and Britain are emphaticbut modern, fleet, which now in- ally in a state of transition. One cludes a destroyer, four sub- has only to recall the friction that marines, and 18 torpedo-boats. flared up over the British opening Eighty-five per cent. also of the of American mails less than a year officers in Thailand's havy were ago to appreciate this point. trained in Japan, and the extent Events have moved fast and far to which Japan has influenced the since then, but Anglo-American country's new military power is cooperation still is in a state of Thailand has apparently failed shown by the fact that some com- flux. mands are given in the Japanese language.

A similar rejuvenation has taken place in the air force, which has to more than 150 front-line American fighting 'planes to-day

Running A Risk

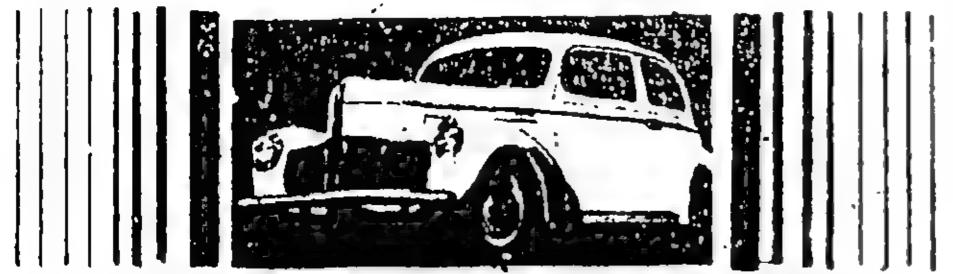
Discontent with the present or-

Efforts by Britain and France to check Thailand's tendency to become a puppet State taking orders from Tokyo have met with some. One of Many Questions success. They won from Bangkok in 1939 at least a promise of neu-During the last eight years when For East and run the risk of becomes practical.

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GREEKS CONTINUE ADVANCE

Yesterday marked the end of the second month since the invasion of Greece — but how different was the position from the rosy expectations of the Italians when they began to invade Greece.

Instead of an easy victory and an early one, the Italian troops have found themselves pushed back into Albania by the Greeks. Unconfirmed reports in state that the Greeks have taken an important town between Podgradetz and Elbasan.

The Greeks, says the paper, outflanked the town after heavy fighting in snow. -- Reuter.

Heights Occupied

It is stated in press reports from Athens that Greek troops advancing north of Chimara have gained possession of an important mountain position.

In the Tepelini-Klissora sector the Greeks have occupied more strategic heights from which the Italians have withdrawn their last

Prisoners have been taken and material captured includes a field were dressed only in thin night gun.--British Wireless.

By A Special Correspondent TWO BIG BOMBS crashed in a London street. This is what happened: Two people were sheltering in a disused water tank standing inside a building which received a direct hit.

The tank was blown into the air. It came down on top of the wrecked building. The two people were still inside it — and very much alive.

the pounder - landed opposite a wardens to them, Belgrade newspaper "Politikas" building in which Old Bill is night "They were extremely brave," watchman,

> Bill, his spell of duty over, was asleep when the explosion wrecked the front of the building and shattered every piece of glass around him.

When anxious wardens arrived to rescue Bill he told them to go away. "No Hitler or anybody else is going spoil my sleep," he sald. And turned over in his bed of broken glass and debris.

Girls' Bravery

In a house which was almost levelled to the ground three young girls were buried by debris. They clothes and lay between a heavy

The other bomb-a thousand pile of bricks and dust directing

said a warden who helped to rescue them. "They kept calling out 'A little to the left' or "A little to the right" until we reached them.

"All they asked for when we got them out was a cup of tea."

Baby's Escape

With a doctor standing by with oxygen, A.R.P. wardens worked desperately in darkness for threequarters of an hour to dig out a ... three-month-old baby from the wreckage of a house in a London suburb.

They reached the baby--and found it unhurt.

Over the child rafters had formed a protective barrier which took the weight of tons of crashing debris,

The other occupants of this house were unhurt,

Blind Folk Bombed

Seventy blind men and women in an institution at a South-West town were being led back from their shelters when one bomb hit a shelter and another the bedrooms to which they were being taken.

Only two men were injured, both by flying glass,

"There was no panic," the matron told a reporter. "Some of the men were thrown on the floor, but they picked themselves up, and the attendants and myself led them to another shelter that had not been touched.

"I could not find an old man, but just as we were going to the shelter he came along the corridor saying: 'It is all right, matron. I have got my gas-mask and over-

RAGGED BODY OF RAIDERS

By A Special Correspondent

The first bombing squadrons came over Dover high during the morning, taking advantage of huge cloud-banks, which roofed the Channel, and which, except for a large blue gap over the Dover area, stretched for miles inland.

A.A. fire met them and forced them to change course into a lane, at the end of which our fighters awaited them farther inland, Barely had the noise of their engines died away than it began to swell up again, as many, at least, of the bombers started coming back coastwards.

Soon in a great open blue patch of sky they came swarming back in a ragged hody of "about 50." Spitfires tackled them, split them up further, and dispersed the mob of bombers east and west along the coast.

Terrific Dog-Fight

A terrific dog-fight followed. A burst of cannon fire, succeeded quickly by a whip-like crack and crackle of machine-gun fire out of sight in a black, rain-charged cloud, and a Messerschmidt dived down from over the sea a few hundred feet above the cliff-top where I stood." As I watched a tiny flame

broke out at his tail. The plane turned over. The pilot, working desperately, righted it ngoin temporarily and tried to pancake.

But he was too late and the Messerschmidt struck the earth and in a fraction of a second was hidden in a burst of pungent black. smoke and lurid flame. The pilot

had no time to bale out.



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I've got," Les Couchman said.

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took the gas-mask census. He

saw that everyone's mask fitted

Joe smiled and got on with his

"Here, Son," Les called

for you distribution of carplugs."

there," And he will,

minute later. "I've got a new Job

"Right," replied Joe "FII be

properly."

(An armless, unpaid volunteer warden goes to it for eighteen hours a day in Britain's front line. A Special Correspondent who spent a night on duty with him tells how this great-hearted little man does his bit for his country).

Joe is armless. He was born that way. He does everything with his feet, answering the 'phone, keeping the log, putting his tin hat on, stopping buses when there is danger, testing gas masks. And he wants to be a roof spotter!

Joe, as his neighbours call him, is Horace Lineham, aged thirty-one, of Stone, Dartford, Kent. To the boys of the Welsh Tavern A.R.P. post he is Son. He was opening the post when I met him. Out of the shoe came his left foot, neatly lifting the key from his breast pocket. In a flash he had the door open and the light switched on.

I challenged him to 201 up at darts. With his left foot he flicked the first dart into double top to open the game.

Then the banshee waited That left foot went into action, whipping on tin hat, whisking out whistle,

ing the alert. Then back he came to mark the log.

"Hello, Son," said the boys as they hurried in, "You're here first again!"

The floor is Joe's desk. On the book which lay there he ticked off the squad's names as they arrived for the 191st raid -among them Les Couchman and his wife Mary; Taffy Young, an aircraft-man on leave, Dick Fisher and Frank Lusher, landlord of the tavern next door.

The 'phone rang. Joe picked it up fixed it in a gadget in the wall and dictated a message.

18-Hour Day

"I've been a warden for nearly a year," Joe told me, "I volunteered on October 28 last year, I'm unpaid.

"I'm no good to the Army. But I can do anything at A.R.P. that other people can do.

"I'm registered as a part-time worker. Most days I put in eighteen hours. I live just round the corner.

Joe isn't scared of anything Jerry cares to send—and he has only one complaint.

"The boys want me to do all the inside work," he said. "But I want to be outside—in the front line."

When things get too hot, Joe warns the bus drivers to stop. They take his advice. He shepherds the elderly and children to shelter.

He'll Be There

Joe had eighteen months' touring in a show, performing with
his feet tricks many men cannot
do with their hands. The war
killed that. Now he has no job
except A.R.P. And that is unpaid. He lives with his parents.

BOMBER DROME'S TWO V.C.'S

A Hampden Bomber aerodrome Somewhere - in - England
now boasts of having two V.C.s
stationed there, though they are
not in the same squadron.

The two heroes are Sergeant John Hannah, who was awarded the V.C. for most conspicuous bravery, and Flight-Lieutenant Learoyd, who received the V.C. for his part in the attack on the Dortmund-Ems Canal.

The bomber squadron to which Sergeant Hannah belongs was formed in Scotland in 1917, and a few months later it began operations in France. In one operation in the last war six pilots carried out a dangerous mission, and each of them received the D.F.C.

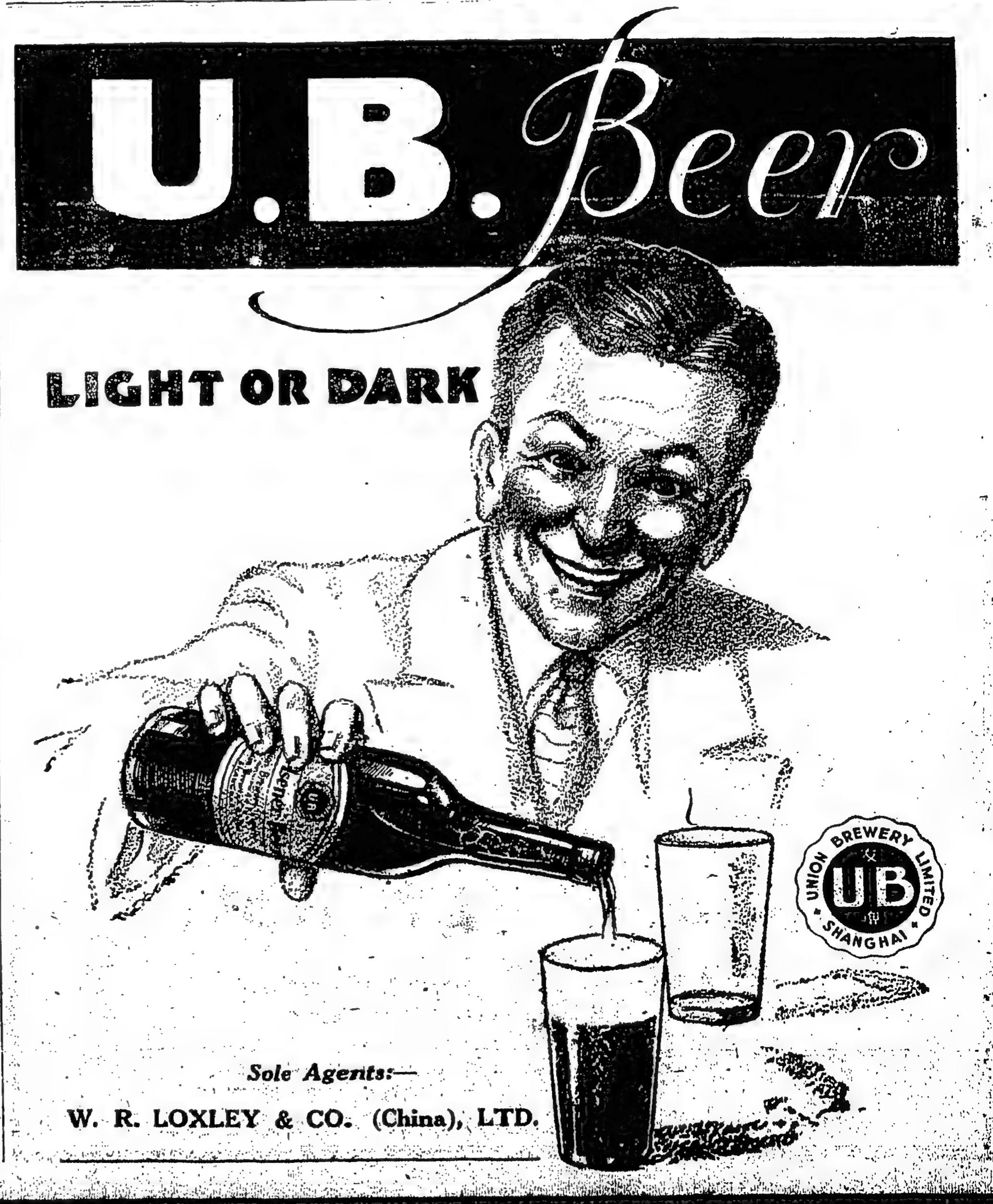
In the present war, the squadron has lived up to its reputation, and, before Sergeant Hannah's act of bravery, it had earned one D.S.O., thirteen D.F.C.s and five D.F.M.s.

BERLIN ASKS "HOW LONG?"

The Berlin correspondent of the "Hufvudstadsblad" reports that Berliners are becoming resigned to a second winter of war, and are only asking whether decisive military action may be expected next year and whether the R.A.F. intends to continue, and for how, long, flying over and bombing Germany.

The Berlin Press is trying to console the population of the capital by claiming that the authorities are going to use the winter to consolidate the positions acquired in foreign territory and by stressing the people's ability to sustain the coming winter's rigours with the same courage as was displayed last winter.





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HOW CARD VALUES CHALACES BYSTEM ACF ... 3 KING QUEEN.1 JACK TOTAL WHAT IN HISTOR

A game contract was reached at only three tables and the bidding difficulty should have convinced the three Declarers that they score without make ing overtricks.

But two of them fell by the Austin Road, Rowldon. wayside. In each case West opened the hearts, and South ruffed the second round. But one Declarer made the mistake drawing three rounds of trumps. on the established clubs. West got in with the club Queen to lead another heart, punching out dummy's last trump, and then West still had two established hearts to take when he regained the lead with the club King.

The second Declarer drew only the Are and Queen of trumps, properly enough, but then led a diamond to dumniy's King to take the club finesse. West won with the Queen of clubs and returned the Queen of diamonds. Then nothing could stop West from making a diamond trick as well as the inevitable heart and two

West to win, but now no defence could defeat South. A heart return would give South eleven tricks; and a diamond return by West would be taken by dummy, trump, and East's last trump would be drawn. Then another club would be conceded, and South get the

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ANSWER: Bid three clubs. It would be unwise to bid no-trump yourself with so little in the un-The successful Declarer drew bid suit, but your jump in clubs two rounds of trumps with the shows the strength of your hand Ace and Queen -and then cashed and indicates that you lack the the club Ace! A low club allowed spade strength necessary for no-trump.

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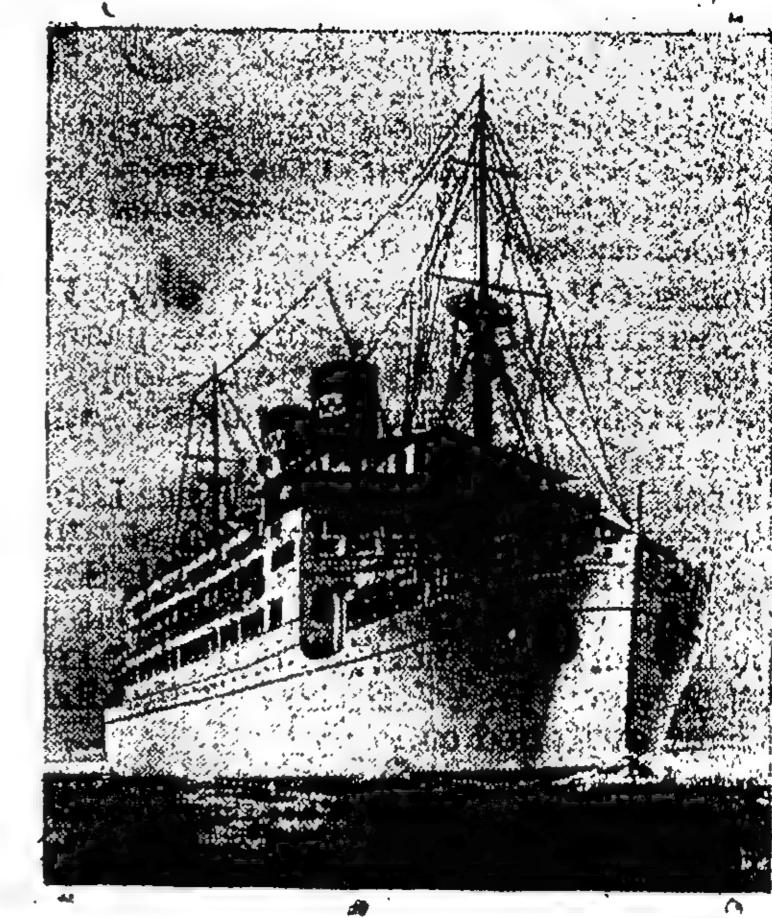
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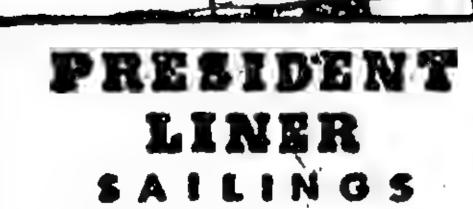
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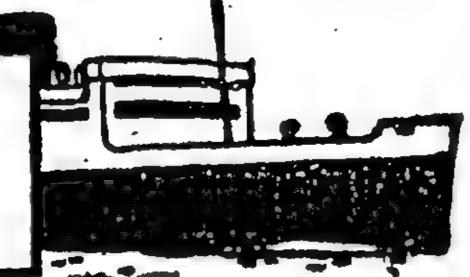
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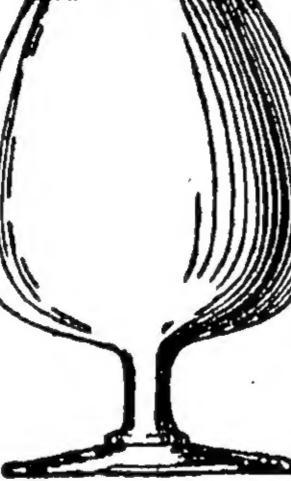
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Bright Batting By The Volunteers v The Scots

Anderson Carries Bat For 117

Griffiths Scores 45 HONG CHOY In 17 Minutes

By "Adrem"

A STRONG VOLUNTEER cricket team yesterday scored a big win over Royal Scots in a wholeday match at Sookunpoo, proving greatly superior in batting and bowling.

Feature of the match was the [A bright batting of the Volunteers. Anderson and Mackay put on 88, for the first wicket in 50 minutes, Mackay claiming 49, and Anderson and Attwell added 67 for the second wicket, of which Attwell's share was a hard-bit 32.

The brightest batting of the day was seen, however, on the advent of Griffiths, who hit brilliantly all round the wicket for 45 runs scored in only 17 minutes.

Anderson batted with enterprise throughout the inmuga and scored 117 not out. He hit 13 fours, Mackay eight, Attwell five and Grafiths eight

Baterian was early the best Scots' bowler although his analysis. does not make impressive reading. Special mention must be made of the line catch taken by Major Gedley to dismirs Perry The Ple Peacock not out Civil Service player bit a half [volley with tremendous force to mid-off where Godlev held the chance about a foot off the ground.

Godley also batted very well for the soldiers, playing some crisp strokes and shaping very confidently. After he had scored 32, however, he played a ball on to his pads and thence on to the wicket. Fargus appeared likely to get runs but was 1.b.w. to Parsons when nine.

McLellan bowled much too well for Scots and took 5 for 13 in four overs, while Parsons also put down some good balls although he Pte. Newsom, c Anderson, b Attwell did not meet with much success. Sgt. Taylor, not out

In an effort to force an innings win. Sco's were put in again but time was called when they were

	•	VOLUNTEERS	
N.	A.	E. Mackay, b Bateman	49
D	J.	N. Anderson, not out	117
\mathbf{K}_{+}	J	Attwell, b Fargus	32
Α.	\mathbf{E}_{i}	Perry, c Godley, b Fargus	10

Α	Zimmern, b Alsev	1
	Il Griffiths, e Duke, b Bateman	4
	T Ride, Ihw, h Bateman	1
	McLellan, not out	
	Extras (B5, LB3)	,
	Total (for 6 wkts dec.) . 2	7
I	D Booket, D O Pusons and	K
M	Barder did not bat	
	Bowling Analysis	
	O. M. R.	W

	Fargus	10	1	83
	Alsey	6	1	51
	Batemun	10	ī	66
1	Duke	2	O	21
	Divitions	. 5	U	49
	ROYAL SCOT	S 15T	INN	INGS
	Major Godfey, b			
	Cul Alses, b Bas	ter		
	Capt Duke, b Mi			
	Lt Ford lbw b		llan	
	Ple Bateman			n, b
	MeLellin			
	Capt Paterson, c I	Sax* i l	$-$ M ϵ	L. Han
	Lt Farrus, 1bw .			
_	Set Deveroux, b			
	Pie Newsom, st 2		1, b I	Booker

Sgt Taylor, c Ride, b Booker

	Extras (B13, WB)	j.			1 -
					-
	Total				71
	Bowling	Analy	818		
		O	91	R	W
	Barter	3	1	26	1
1	McLellan	4	0	13	5
	Parsons	4	0	15	1
	Perry .	2	n	5	1
	Booker .	1.7	U	5	2
	ROYAL SCOTS-	-2ND	INNI	NOS	
	Capt. Duke, st. Zinii	nern.	b Per	rry	1:
	Pte, Bateman, b R	ide			- 1
•	Cpl. Alsey, c Griffit	ths, b	Ride		1
	Lt, Ford, l.b.w., b	Ride			-
1	Lt. Fargus, c Bookt	er, b l	Macke	ъу	1
1	Sgt. Deveroux, c P	erry.	b Ma	ckay	11
	Pte, Peacock, l.b.w	., b M	lackay	y	-

Bowling	Anal	lysis		
	O.	M.	R.	W.
Anderson	2 4	0	17	0
Ride	. 4	0	13	3
Perry	. 2	1	2	1
Attwell	- 4	0	28	1
Mackay	. 2.	3 0	10	3

Extras (B13)



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Fine bowling by H. F. Lee was insufficient to give Engineers victory over Medicals "A" in an inter-Faculty match at Pokfulum keenly contested. yesterday, and the result was a

Lee took 5 for 29 but Medicals still had three wickets in hand Rugby when stumps were drawn.

Hong Choy was in great form with the bat and scored 52 for the Engineers.

the Engineers.
ENGINEERS
H. F. Lee, b Gupta
K. S. Lien, l.b.w., b Mahmood
G Hong Chov, b Amplayanar
H. F. Ho, b Gupta F. Kwai, c Amplayanar b
F. Kwai, e Amplayanar b
Gupta
F T. Lam, b Gupta
. H. Singh, I. Mahmood
B. Henhun, b. Amplay mar.,.
F S Tse, run out
F S Tse, run out Y W. Yeung, not out
V Vorsyieff, b Mahmo d
Extras (B34)
Tr. 4.4

1	Total				
	Bowling	Ana	lysis		
,		M.	0.	R.	
١	Ampalavanar	7	1	29	
1	Mahmood	9.5	13	36	
:	N. S. Chin	2	(1)	- 65	
1	Sen Gupta	5	0	32	
1	MEDICA	ALS	"A"		
1	J. Fenton, l.b.w.	, b 1	10/2		
	Sen Gupta, I.b.	V!	b 1	long.	
١	e 11			, ,	
١	T. T. Chin, b H	ong	Cho	S	
1	S. Mahmood, c L	am,	b Le	е	
-	N. S. Chin, l.b.w				
	K. S. Oh, c and	b Le	C		
1	K. S. Ooi, not or				
	S. Amplavanar,	b Le	e		
	T. B. Tech, nct	out			
	Extras (B13)				

K. S. Khoo and	d T	. T.	Teoh	dic
Bowling	An	alyak	3	
_		O.		W
Hong Choy	10	O	52	2
H. F. Lee		1	29	3

Total (for 7 wkts.) 106

CAPTAIN PLAYED IN

Before a large crowd of members and an even larger crowd of caddiesrickshaw coolie of the variety and others—A. K. Mackenzie played himself in at Fanling yesterday as Captain of Royal Hong Kong Golf Club.

Caddies in swarms, in numbers estimated at between 150 and 200, crowded the course in quest of the captain's first ball and the coveted dollar that went with it. Mackenzie hit a 200 yard drive down the fairway, the ball being triumphantly retrieved by a rickshaw coolie caddie, who brought back the bacon and took away a dollari

Owing to indisposition His Excellency-the Acting Governor was unable to be present.

SATURDAY'S SPURTS

Football

30th R.A. at Stanley was the Division, both won easily.

Signals are still hot on the hecis! of Air Force for Third Division honours and en Saturday account. and registered a fine century, ed for International, only team yet to beat Air Force.

First Division results were a expected though the game between Navy and Midulesex was

NAVY won the first Quadrangular Rugby Tournament by beating Army by 11 points to nil on Club ground after holding a six point lead at the interval.

Bowis

KOWLOON Bowling Green Cub held its Closing Day on Satur-0 day, when paizes won during the season were presented by Sir o Atholi MacGregor, acting Presi-34 dent of the Lawn Bow,s As ocia-- ition, who also took part in the 137 day's match.

Over 20 rinks took part in a W., match between the Club and the 2 Association. The Club's team. which included players from other clubs, lost by 31 shows.

THE defeat of Service Corps by ALTHOUGH scoring was high in Saturday's cricket programme only unexpected football result on some good bowling feats were re-Saturday. South China and Eng gistered best being Macaulcy's 8 gineers, leading teams in Second for 20 for D.B.S. against Civil

H. Owen Hughes had the best batting performance of the day

Leading feats were:-BATTING H Owen Hughes

	H. Owen Hughes	
	D. J. N. Anderson	
1	A. J. Hulse	77
	T Stimson	69
1	C. W. Lam	89
	A. H. Madar	
1	C. N. Matthews	62
	A. R. Suffied	56
	H. A. Barros	56
	J. E. Richardson	35
	T. A. Pearce F. Goodwin P. M. N. da Silva	54
1	F. Goodwin	53
	P. M. N. da Silva	52
	T. G. C. Knight	51
	T. G. C. Knight	48
	Spr. Bailey	4€
	D. Hung	45
	L. Jernakoff	39
	J. M. Gosano	34
	J. Barrow	33
j	A. B. Hamson	33
)	G Stone	3.2
٠.	A. R. Minu	3.7
•	BOWLING	
	W. Macauley 8 for	21
•	G. Stone 7 for	
	E. Hawkins 6 for	14
b	C W. Lam 6 for	- 24
	M. R. Abbas 5 for	4.
1	Ingleby 4 for	- 33
,	U. H. Esmail 4 for	4
1	H. Danbrowsky 4 for	. 4
	F. Baker 4 for	- 46
	H. Danbrowsky 4 for F. Baker 4 for N. Singh 4 for	8

ONE RECORD SMASHED ATS. CHINA SPORTS

By "Sportshawk"

THE COLONY record for the 10,000 metres flat race was smashed by Lee Yuk-foon when he returned 38 minutes and 7 seconds to better the old mark held by Yeung Wah-sang's of 39 minutes and 31.6 seconds at Caroline Hill yesterday in the open event of the 18th Annual Athletic Meeting held by the South China Athletic Association.

The times and distances as well as heights in all other track or field events were on the low side, and Lee Yuk-foon, who is a newcomer to the Colony, from Kwangtung Province, and who recently won the first marathon race sponsored by Hong Kong and Kowloon Residents' Union, deserves full marks for returning such an excellent time.

Lee led all the way to win the race comfortably by about threequarters of a lap from Signalman Lewis of Royal Corps of Signals, Private Manson, of Royal Scots, who was one of the favourites for this race, faded out poorly and gave up after finishing only 16 rounds.

Fong Chi-hung, formerly of lege and 2, Wah Yan College. Wah Yan College, better known as a high-jumper, easily won the Pole Vault event for Members at 9 feet and 3 inches to beat Chu Fock-sing, who was second, by no less than two inches.

Mr. Fok Po-chui distributed sec. the prizes to the winners.

Resuits

OPEN EVENTS 10,000 Metres:-1, Lee Yuk-foon; 2. Signalman Lewis and 3, Lam Kim-fan. Time: 38 min. 7 sec.

Men's '1,600 Metres Relay (Team, of 'four'):-I; 'South China Athletic Assoclation; 2, Wah Yan College and 3, Ling Nam University, Time: 3 min. 58 sec. Men's 400 Metres Relay (Team of four. Under five feet):-1. King's Col-

Men's 400 Metres Relay (Team of four):-1. Ling Nam University; South China Athletic Association and 3. Wah Yan College. Time: 48 sec.

Ladies' 400 Metres Rolay (Team of four):-1. French Convent and 2, South China Athletic Association. Time: 58.8

MEMBERS' EVENTS 100 Metres:-1, Yu Kai-yan and 2, Sin Kwok-pun. Time: 12 sec.

400 Metres:-1, Cheung Chau; 2, Sin Kwok-pun and 3, Cheung Kat-pul, Time: 58.2 sec. 110 Metres. High Hurdiest-1; Wong Ki-lim: 2, Lui Kwai-chu and 3, Chu

Fook-sing. Time: 19.2 sec. Throwing Javelin:-1; Tam Hoi-chuen: 2. Chu Fook-sing and 3. Tsang Kwanming. Distance: 30.08 metres Throwing Discust-1, Yu Kal-yan and

2, Chu Fooksing, Distance; 24.50 metres: Step-Hop-Jump:-- 1, Wong Ki-lim and

2. Cheung Tung-hol. Distance: 10.84 High Jump:-1, Chan. Chol-shun; 2,

Fong Chi-bung and 3. Tsang Kwanming. Height: 1.64 metres. Pole Vault: -1, Fong Chi-hung; 2, Chu ; had increased, his advantage to Fook-sing and 3, Kwan Chu-pul, Height:

9 ft. 3 in. Long Jump: 1,-Wong. Ki-lim; 2, Chu Fook-sing and 3, Trang Kwan-ming-Distance: 5.98 metres.

200 Metreel-I, Cheung Chau; 2, Sin Kwok-pun and 3, Lung Kai-ming, Time:

1.500 Metresi-1, Chan Chau-wai; 2. the 35th, and the match was over. Lat Pun-yuen and 3, Lam Kim-fung. 800 Metres:-1, Lai Pun-yuen: 2, Chan-Chau-wai and 3, Lau Shum-chi. Time:

throughout as is indicated by the 2 min. 22,3 sec. 400 Metres Hurdest Lung ICalof play fell away and scoring . Col. Rose's putting may be said ming . 2. Wong Shuchuen and 3, Tsans Kwan-ming. Think! 68 4-sec.

Groves Beats Rose In Reen Watch

(By A Special Correspondent)

CONGRATULATIONS are due to Frank Groves on winning the championship of Royal Hong Kong Golf Club at Fanling yesterday.

Groves had a flying start and with 9's at the second and third and a 4 at the sixth was four up at that stage. Col. Rose hung on grimly and had reduced the arrears to one by the 17th. He then, winning the next in 6 missed a short putt at the 18th? however, and went into tiffin two became dormy two. A half

Scoring was good-Groves being Although the standard was be Time: 5 min. 2 tec. 70 for 17 holes, having picked up plow average, the play was keen at the 17th.

In the afternoon the standard close finish over 36 holes. was well above bodey ... Greves to have lost him the title.

four holes at the 26th but Con. Hose then retaliated to take the next four to square the match. Groves won Sandy's Pulpit and 7 and halving the 34th, in three, 25:1 sec.

SING TAO EASILY BEAT KWONG WAH

By "Referee"

AFTER A PROMISING START, during which they more than held their own in the first 15 minutes, Kwong Wah fell away to such an extent in their First Division soccer game at Happy Valley yesterday that they were beaten by four clear goals by Sing Tao and only the bad-shooting of the Sing Tao forwards prevented a bigger score!

Sing Tao took the lead 15 min-

u is from the start through Lat

Shui-wing when he beat Chung

increased the lead when he was

sent through by Lai Shur-wing

Sing Tao were not at full strength, of wild shooting from good posibeing without the services tions. of Kwok Ying-kee while Cheung Wing-choy played in goal for th' first time since his injury agains: Eastern,

It was only occasionally that Shorily after Tang Kwang-sum Kwong Wah Jorwards were seem in any real attacking movements Cheuk Shek-kam played on the and had no difficulty from close right wing and though he sent in over several good centres the other forwards found Lee Tingsang and Han Yung-sang too good for them. Wong King-cheung, on the left wing, also played well for Kwong Wah.

Kwong Wah's defence could not cope with Sing Tao's attack. Young Tse-chong worked hard at wing half but did not assist his forwards

very much. Soong Ling-sing was outstanding in the Sing Tao desence. Occupying the pivotal position he kept his forwards well supplied with passes.

Slow Wing

Yeung Shui-yick and Ip Pakwah were slow on the len wing. The former was badly in need of practice while Ip was not accurate with his passes. Fortunately for Sing Too, both Fung King-cheong and Lai Shui-wing played up to form as these were only forwards able to do anything of note with the ball. Both were guilty however,

POPULAR NAVAL

By "Scrum Half"

won the Tourna-1940-41 Rugby ment, and a more popular success could not be imagined.

With the talent they had available. Navy have performed miracles, and Carter is to be congratulated on their triumph. It was indeed unfortunate that he was unable to play in any of the Ave games, and it is to be hoped that he will lead the side against Police next Saturday.

Paul, Honeywill and a hardworking pack were responsible for a 11-0 win over a team who secured the ball from the set scrums nine times out of ten for practically threequarters of the game, Deadly tackling held up repeated Army attacks and dropped passes or failure to run straight nullisted all their best

Army had the talent to win this tournament, but they have a hard match ahead of them, against Club, before they can be even runners-up.

Club easily accounted for Poice, who were lost without Wall.

CHINESE TEAM FOR NEW YEAR'S CHARITY GAME

Following have been chosen to represent. Combined Chinese against the Rest of Colony on New Year's Day at Sookungoo in aid of the B.W.O.F. and Bomber Fund.

Cheung Wing-choi: (Sing Tao) Taang Chung wan (South China) and Lee Tinsung; (Sing Tho) Spong, Ling-sing, (Sing Tao). Hau King-seng, (Eastern) and: Tse Kam-hung; (South China) Chung Yung-sum. (Eastern). (Fung King-cheong, (Bing: Tao) V. K. Hyui. (Enstern) Lee Wal-tong, (South China) (Capti) and Hau Ching-to; (Eastern):

M. V. Umfreville, who kept wicket for the British Empire oricket eleven on many occasions during the summer, has folded the Royal Ar Force to train as a roar-gunner.

Umfreville, who to the discontinuous ... ago, is considered one of the best wicket-keenste in the see to be sine there useful Soccer inside forward,

YESTERDAY'S SOCCER RESULTS

FIRST DIVISION Sing Tao 4 Kwang Wah, **BECOND DIVISION** 4 Kwong Wah Sing Tao Police 5 Kit Chee THIRD DIVISION 12th R.A. 2 A.S.A. Medicals 2 7th R.A.

wing headed in a centre from Young Shui-yick and before time Fung King-cheong added another. Kwong Wah:---Lee Kwok-kee; Leung Pak-wai. Chung Fal-lam: Cheung, Shiufai, Chung Kim-fal, Leung Chi-cheong: Cheuk Shek-kam, Tin Yun-fat, Chin Chifun, Lau Fook-chien and Wong King-Far-him and sent in a hard drive, chung,

Sing Tao:-Cheung Wing-choi: Hau Yung-sang, Lee Tin-sang, Tsui Ah-fai. Soong Ling-sing, Luk Tat-hang; Tang Kwong-sum, Fung King-cheong, Shiu-wing, to Pak-"ah and Yeung G. H. Brown) second and Owl In the second half Lai Shui-Shu-yick

C.R.C. AT HOME

An "At Home" was held at the Chinese Recreation Club, Causeway Bay, yesterday, when a large number of members participated in an American mixed doubles tennis tournament. The won during the past season were distributed at the end of the afternoon by the Hon, Mr. M. K. Lo, after the Hon. Secretary, Mr. Wong Kwok-fong, had briefly inviewed the season's activities.

YACHT RACING

Gull (Capt; A. O. G. Mills) won the Sweepstake race of the Royal Hong Kong Yacht Club held on Saturday over a distance of 8.6 miles, Koala (Mrs. M. Johnson) was second and Redshank (J Krogh-Moe) third. There were 11 starters and all completed the course.

The race for the Mixed Class was won by Ailsa (Capt. W. A. Ingram) with Widgeon (Mapjor (G. L. Eastgate) third, were four entries.



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BARDIA WEAKENING UNDER BRITISH PRESSURE

Early Fall Of Fortress Taken As Inevitable

ANTI-NAZI FEELING IN FRANCE

Bitter. anti-German feeling in France was admitted yesterday by the German-controlled Paris Radio.

The announcer complained that when the R.A.F. bombers mad: their raids a Frenchwoman said

"The English at last! May God bless their bonbe!"

The Italians, too, seem to have some misgivings, and an Ralian National Councillor in Rome vesterday complained.

"Italy, while in a life-anddeath struggle against the strongest Empire in the world. cannot trust the French

"It cannot be said that vanquished France is yet permaded of her defeat." - Reuter.

ARABS' SUPPORT

SOUTHERN ARABS HAVE NEVER BEEN CLOSER TO THE BRITISH THAN THEY ARE NOW, REPORTS A BRITISH OFFICIAL WHO HAS JUST RE-TURNED TO ADEN FROM A TOUR OF THE HADRAMAUT REGION OF SOUTHERN ARAB-

Poor Response To British Gunfire

BARDIA NOW SEEMS to be weakening under the relentless British pressure of the past 10 days, and a Cairo communique yesterday evening said that in that area British guns had been active with little response from the Italians.

British pressure is being maintained in other parts of the war zone in Africa.

In the Sudan/Abyssima sector, | south-east of Kasala and east of Galabat, British patrols with artillery support have been harrying the Italians successfully.

In Italy itself, the early fall of Bardia seems to be taken as mevitable.

Signor An aldo who takes second place only to Signor Gayda · s leading Italian pubneist — decared yesterday in a Turm paper that Bordia is in 'no se ise a bastion of the Italian forces in Africa.

light and brought great relief, for the coastal Arabs have learned to hate Mussolini and Fascism.

"Wherever I went, I heard pray-The victories in the Western ers for a British victory," he said.

Desert have given them great de- | - Reuter.

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In making this statement, ignores Italian broadcasts of the past few days to the effect that the resistance at Bardia proved the strength, courage and resolution of the Italian troops and also proved how fruitless the British offensive was doomed to become.

According to Signor Ansaldo. the Italians in Bardia are holding out because of their irritation at British boasting after Sidi-Barani! - Reuter.

PAMPHLET APPEARS IN BUCHAREST

PAMPHLETS AGAINST NAZI TYRANNY AND RE-AFFIRMING FAITH IN DEMOCRACY HAVE BEEN DISTRIBUTED IN THE STREETS OF BUCHAREST .-JUST ONE MORE SIGN OF THE GROWING HATRED OF THE RUMANIANS AGAINST THEIR GERMAN MASTERS.

The pamphlets express undying faith in the Allied cause and s.a. that only a British victory can free the oppressed peoples of Europe from the Nazi yuke.

"England is invincible, and with America will break the menace to peace under whose powers of despotism Europe is greaning to-day," says the pamphlet. - Reuter.

SAUDI PLOT REVEALED

THE SAUDI-ARABIAN LEGA-TION IN CAIRO STATED YES-TERDAY THAT A PLOT AGAINST KING IBN-SAUD HAD BEEN DISCOVERED.

Two persons had been sentenced to death and others sent to prison.

Refore the news was made public, the Italian Radio had already started to accuse the British of complicity in the deed.

These accusations are fantastic, London circles said last night That the British should harbour ony malicious intentions against an old and tried friend is obviously ridiculous. - Reuter.

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STOP PRESS

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL") evening's raid on London was probably the the heaviest concentrated assault of the war. The main raid lasted less than three hours, but thousands of bombs were dropped, primarily of an incendiary nature.

Casualties are not believed to be heavy, but the damage is extensive and widespread. The German High Com-

mand claims that huge areas of London were burning last night, and it also adds that in a clash in mid-Atlantic, a German warship badly damaged a British warship. The Admiralty has already revenled that the raider turned and fled when she found H.M.S. Berwick on the spot and that Berwick suffered only five casualties and trifling damage,-International News Service.

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL") Workers employed in Wang Ching-wei's propaganda organ, the "Chung Hua Jih (China Daily News) struck work on Saturday night. The paper failed to appear in the streets of Shanghai, yesterday. strikers are demanding higher wages. - Our Own Correspondent.

In a special report to the Tokyo "Nichi Nichi,' its Berlin correspondent says that Germany admits the bombardment of the island of Nauru, the southern Pacific, but denies that the raider flew the Japanese colours. Germany claims that Mr.

Menzies' statement to that effect is "propaganda," -Reuter.

